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### Senate Bill 589

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to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and  
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-10-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to the issuance of personalized license plates for antique motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 10. FEES FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING, ETC.**

**§17A-10-3a. Special registration of antique motor vehicles and motorcycles; definition,  
registration, and use of classic motor vehicles and classic motorcycles.**

1 (a) The annual registration fee for any antique motor vehicle or motorcycle as defined in  
2 this section is \$2. As used in this section:

3 “Antique motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is  
4 owned solely as a collector's item.

5 “Antique motorcycle” means any motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is owned  
6 solely as a collector's item.

7 “Classic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is  
8 registered pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.

9 “Classic motorcycle” means a motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is registered  
10 pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, antique motor vehicles or motorcycles  
12 may not be used for general transportation but may only be used for:

13 (1) Participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;

14 (2) The purpose of testing their operation, obtaining repairs or maintenance, and  
15 transportation to and from events as described in subdivision (1) of this subsection; and

16 (3) Recreational purposes over weekends, beginning on Friday at 12 o'clock noon, and  
17 ending on the following Monday at 12 o'clock noon, and on holidays: *Provided*, That a classic  
18 motor vehicle or a classic motorcycle as defined in this section may be registered under the  
19 applicable class at the applicable registration fee set forth in §17A-10-3 of this code and may be  
20 used for general transportation.

21 (c) A West Virginia motor vehicle or motorcycle displaying license plates of the same year  
22 of issue as the model year of the antique motor vehicle or motorcycle, as authorized in this section,  
23 may be used for general transportation purposes if the following conditions are met:

24 (1) The license plate's physical condition has been inspected and approved by the Division  
25 of Motor Vehicles;

26 (2) The license plate is registered to the specific motor vehicle or motorcycle by the  
27 Division of Motor Vehicles;

28 (3) The owner of the motor vehicle or motorcycle annually registers the motor vehicle or  
29 motorcycle and pays an annual registration fee for the motor vehicle or motorcycle equal to that  
30 charged to obtain regular state license plates; and

31 (4) The motor vehicle or motorcycle passes an annual safety inspection; and

32 (5) The motor vehicle or motorcycle displays a sticker attached to the license plate, issued  
33 by the division, indicating that the motor vehicle or motorcycle may be used for general  
34 transportation.

35 (d) If more than one request is made for license plates having the same number, the  
36 division shall accept only the first application.

37 (e) The commissioner may promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
38 29A of this code as may be necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the provisions of this  
39 section.

40 (f) Upon appropriate application, together with a special annual fee of \$40, which is in  
41 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, there shall be issued to the owner of an antique  
42 motor vehicle a special registration plate for any number of antique motor vehicles titled in the  
43 name of the qualified applicant bearing a combination of letters or numbers requested by that  
44 applicant, subject to approval by the commissioner, and with the maximum number of letters or  
45 numbers to be determined by the commissioner.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the issuance of special personalized license plates for owners of antique motor vehicles.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.