

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2019 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2338**

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[Introduced January 11, 2019; Referred  
to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure  
then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §17A-3-15a, relating to allowing the owner of an antique military vehicle to  
 3 display alternate registration insignia that is compatible with the vehicle’s original markings  
 4 in lieu of a registration plate.

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

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §17A-3-15a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF  
 CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

**§17A-3-15a. Registration plate exemption for antique military vehicles; alternate insignia.**

1 (a) The division shall exempt an antique military vehicle from the requirement to display a  
 2 registration plate if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle’s accurate military  
 3 markings. The department shall approve an alternative registration insignia for an antique military  
 4 vehicle that is compatible with the vehicle’s original markings, including, but not limited to, the  
 5 display of the vehicle’s unique military identification number on the bumper of the vehicle:  
 6 Provided, That nothing in this section exempts the operator of an antique military vehicle from the  
 7 requirements set forth in §17A-3-13 of this code.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, “antique military vehicle” means a vehicle, including  
 9 a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size or weight, that meets the following criteria:

- 10 (1) Is at least 25 years old;
- 11 (2) Was manufactured for use in any country's military forces; and
- 12 (3) Is maintained to represent its military design and markings accurately.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow owners of antique military vehicles to display alternate registration insignia that is compatible with the vehicle’s original markings in lieu of a registration plate.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law,

and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.