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House Bill 5371

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Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to renewal of a vehicle registration and a service fee charge for each year of renewal of a
 3 Class A or G vehicle registration issued.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

**§17A-3-17. Application for and renewal of registration; sheriffs authorized to issue
 renewals of registration for certain vehicles.**

1 (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the vehicle owner by
 2 proper application and payment of taxes and registration fees provided by law.

3 (b) The division may receive applications for renewal of any vehicle registration and each
 4 sheriff shall receive applications from residents in his or her county for renewal of any Class A or G
 5 vehicle registration. The division and each sheriff shall issue the renewals of registration each
 6 receives, respectively, in accordance with all of the provisions in this article pertaining to renewal
 7 of vehicle registration including, but not limited to, the payment of the taxes and fees required
 8 thereunder.

9 (c) Each sheriff shall charge a service fee of \$1 for each renewal of a Class A or G vehicle
 10 registration he or she issues. Effective July 1, 1998, the sheriff shall pay one half of this fee into the
 11 county general fund. The sheriff shall pay the remaining one half of this fee into the deputy sheriff
 12 retirement fund created in §7-14D-6 of this code.

13 (d) Effective July 1, 2024, the division shall charge a service fee of 50 cents for each year of
 14 renewal of a Class A or G vehicle registration issued. On the first day of each month, the division
 15 shall pay the service fees collected to the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board.
 16 The West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board shall deposit these funds into the West
 17 Virginia Deputy Sheriff's Retirement Fund.

18 ~~(d)~~ (e) On the first day of each month, each sheriff shall pay over to the commissioner all
19 fees he or she collected during the preceding month for renewal of Class A and G vehicle
20 registrations, except his or her service fees. The payment shall be accompanied by a report
21 showing the name of the county, the name and address of the person who obtained the
22 registration and paid the registration fee therefor, the vehicle registered, the registration number,
23 the date the registration was issued, the signature of the sheriff and any other information the
24 commissioner may reasonably require in order to maintain the functions and records of the
25 department. The commissioner shall deposit all fees he or she receives from the sheriffs for
26 renewal of Class A and G vehicle registrations in the State Treasury to the credit of the state road
27 fund as provided in §17A-2-21 of this code.

28 ~~(e)~~ (f) The commissioner shall provide each sheriff with the necessary forms, supplies,
29 registration plates, registration decals and instructions necessary to enable him or her to perform
30 the duties and functions specified in this section.

31 ~~(f)~~ (g) No person may display upon a vehicle a new registration plate or registration decal
32 prior to the first day of the month preceding the new registration period.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add a new service fee charge for each year of renewal of a Class A or G vehicle registration issued.

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