

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5637**

By Delegate Linville

[Introduced February 12, 2024; Referred to the  
Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then  
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to changing the number of applicants for a special plate from 100 to 50.

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

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

**§17A-3-14b. Special registration plates for military personnel.**

1 (a) The division may continue to issue special plates for any plate class authorized by  
2 enactments of §17A-3-14 of this code prior to the year 2023 for active, retired, or honorably  
3 discharged military personnel, or the next of kin of a member of any branch of the armed services  
4 of the United States killed in combat. The division shall charge an initial application fee of \$10 for  
5 each special registration plate issued pursuant to this section, which is in addition to all other fees  
6 required by this chapter. A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's  
7 military license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries, or does not renew the license  
8 plate.

9 (b) The applicant shall present documentation as determined by the commissioner as  
10 evidence of qualification for any plate authorized in this section.

11 (c) The division may issue a special registration plate pursuant to this section to any  
12 number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

13 (d) If a new special plate as authorized in this section recognizes members of a military  
14 organization chartered by the United States Congress, the division may produce such plate upon  
15 receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of ~~100~~ 50 applicants.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the minimum applicants for a special plate from 100 to 50.

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