

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2957**

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[By Request of the Department of Agriculture]

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Committee on Energy and Public Works]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14e of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to fees collected for agricultural related special license plates to be deposited in the  
3 Agriculture Fees Fund.

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

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

**§17A-3-14e. Special registration plates for organizations.**

1 (a) The division may continue to issue all special registration plates to organizations issued  
2 under a prior enactment of §17A-3-14 of this code.

3 (b) An organization requesting the creation and issuance of a special registration plate  
4 shall make application with the division. The application shall include sufficient information, as  
5 determined by the commissioner, to determine whether the special registration plate requested,  
6 and the organization making the application, meet all the requirements set forth in this section and  
7 legislative rule. The application shall include a proposed design, including lettering, logo, image, or  
8 message to be placed on the registration plate. The commissioner shall notify the organization of  
9 the commissioner's approval or disapproval of the application.

10 (c) (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates  
11 authorized and approved pursuant to this section until the organization which applied for the  
12 special registration plate has collected and submitted collectively to the division applications  
13 completed by at least 100 persons and collectively deposited with the division all fees necessary to  
14 cover the first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs, and the first  
15 year additional annual fee for all of the submitted applications.

16 (2) By concurrent resolution of the Legislature, the requirement to collectively deposited  
17 with the division all fees necessary to cover the first year's basic registration, one-time design, and  
18 manufacturing costs may be waived for any organization.

19 (d) If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications and fees within six  
20 months of the effective date of the approval of the application for the plate by the commissioner,  
21 the plate may not be produced until a new application is submitted and is approved by the  
22 commissioner: *Provided*, That an organization that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum  
23 number of applications may not make a new application for a special plate until at least two years  
24 have passed since the approval of the previous application of the organization.

25 (e) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$25 for each special license  
26 plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. This special fee shall be collected by the  
27 division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

28 (f) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in  
29 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

30 (g) All fees collected for special license plates under the subject of pollinators shall be  
31 deposited in the Agriculture Fees Fund as defined in §19-1-4c of this code. All fees collected for  
32 special license plates under the subject of FFA and 4H shall be deposited in their respective funds.

33 ~~(g)~~ (h) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate  
34 designed by the commissioner in consultation with the organization for any number of vehicles  
35 titled in the name of a qualified registration plate applicant. Persons desiring the special  
36 registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the organization unless the  
37 organization has identified in the application that the special registration plate is desired to be  
38 made available for general issuance.

39 ~~(h)~~ (i) The commissioner may discontinue the issuance or renewal of the registration of any  
40 special plate issued pursuant to this section if:

41 (1) The number of valid registrations for the specialty plate falls below 100 plates for at  
42 least 12 consecutive months; or

43 (2) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the requirements of this section.

44 ~~(i)~~ (j) If a new design is requested after issuance of a special registration plate, the

45 organization shall pay the costs of design and any unused material from the previous design. In  
46 addition, the division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$25 for each newly designed  
47 special license plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to have any fees collected for special license plate with a pollinator deposited in the Agricultural Fees Fund. Fees collected for special license plates relating to FFA and 4H shall be placed in their respective funds.

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