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SENATE BILL NO. 138

(By Mr. Gaines and McFerry)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-three, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to registration plates for state, county, municipal and other governmental vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-three, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSU-
ANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

§17A-3-23. Registration plates for state, county, municipal and other governmental vehicles.

1 Any motor vehicle designed to carry passengers, owned
2 or leased by the state of West Virginia, or any of its de-
3 partments, bureaus, commissions or institutions, except
4 vehicles used by the governor, vehicles operated by the
5 department of public safety, not to exceed six vehicles
6 operated by conservation officers of the department of
7 natural resources, and not to exceed four vehicles oper-
8 ated by the arson investigators of the office of state fire
9 marshal, shall not be operated or driven by any person
10 unless it shall have displayed and attached to the front
11 thereof, in the same manner as regular motor vehicle
12 registration plates are attached, a plate of the same size
13 as the regular registration plate, with white lettering on
14 a green background bearing the words "West Virginia"
15 in one line and the words "State Car" in another line,
16 and the lettering for the words "State Car" shall be
17 of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of
18 one hundred feet during daylight.

19 Such vehicle shall also have attached to the rear a
20 plate bearing a number and such other words and figures
21 as the commissioner of motor vehicles shall prescribe.
22 The rear plate shall also be green with the number in
23 white.

24 On registration plates issued to vehicles owned by coun-
25 ties, the color shall be white on red with the word "Coun-
26 ty" on top of the plate and the words "West Virginia"
27 on the bottom. On any registration plates issued to a city
28 or municipality, the color shall be white on blue with the
29 word "City" on top, and the words "West Virginia" on the
30 bottom. The colors may not be reversed and shall be of
31 reflectorized material. The commissioner is hereby author-
32 ized to designate the colors and design of any other regi-
33 stration plates that are issued without charge to any other
34 agency in accordance with the motor vehicle laws. The
35 registration plates issued to counties, municipalities and
36 other governmental agencies authorized to receive color-
37 ed plates hereunder shall be affixed to both the front and
38 rear of such vehicles.

39. No other registration plate shall be issued for, or at-
40 tached to, any such state-owned vehicle.

41 The commissioner of motor vehicles shall have a suffi-
42 cient number of both front and rear plates produced
43 to attach to all state-owned cars. The numbered regi-
44 stration plates for such vehicles shall start with the
45 number "five hundred" and the commissioner shall issue
46 consecutive numbers for all state-owned cars.

47 It shall be the duty of each office, department, bureau,
48 commission or institution furnished any such vehicle to
49 have such plates affixed thereto prior to the operation of
50 such vehicle by any official or employee.

51 Any person violating the provisions of this section
52 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction
53 thereof, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more
54 than one hundred dollars.

55 Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction
56 with circuit and criminal courts for the enforcement of
57 this section.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tomp
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1969.

Howard Kee
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

L. G. Jordan
President of the Senate

Sam F. Bunsley
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 12th
day of March, 1969.

Arch A. Shaare Jr.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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