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(By Senator KESSLER, ET AL)



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(SENATORS KESSLER, HUNTER, ROSS, CHAFIN,
MINARD AND CALDWELL, *original sponsors*)

[Passed March 3, 2004; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact §17A-3-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to registration plates for motorcycles; allowing for plates to be fastened in vertical position; and requiring the commissioner of the division of motor vehicles to offer owners of motorcycles the choice of registration plates for vertical or horizontal positioning.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17A-3-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

§17A-3-15. Display of registration plates.

1 (a) Registration plates issued for vehicles required to be
2 registered under this article shall be attached to the rear
3 of the vehicles except that on truck tractors and road
4 tractors designed and constructed to pull trailers or
5 semitrailers, the registration plate shall be mounted to the
6 front.

7 (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely
8 fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which
9 it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at
10 a height of not less than twelve inches from the ground,
11 measuring from the bottom of the plate, in a place and
12 position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained free
13 from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly
14 legible.

15 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of
16 this section, an owner of a motor vehicle with a Class G
17 registration as defined in section one, article ten of this
18 chapter may choose to:

19 (1) Display a standard, Class G registration plate in a
20 horizontal position; or

21 (2) Display a specially designed Class G registration
22 plate in a vertical position issued by the division of motor
23 vehicles if the owner:

24 (A) Pays a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars to cover
25 the additional cost and services necessary to issue the
26 special registration plate to be deposited into a special
27 revolving fund to be used for the administration of this
28 chapter; and

29 (B) Pays all other required fees and complies with all
30 other applicable provisions of this code regarding the
31 titling, registration and operation of the vehicle.

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

Lucy White
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Chairman Senate Committee

Sharon Spencer
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Darrell Holmes
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Clerk of the Senate

Steph & Son
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Carl Ray Tomblin
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President of the Senate

Robert Skiss
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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 17th
Day of March, 2004.

Bob Wise
.....
Governor

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