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SENATE BILL NO.47

By Mr. Herold

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(S. B. No. 47)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article six, chapter sixty, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, relating to automobile registration and registration plates."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section two, article six, chapter sixty, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 2. Every owner of one or more vehicles, not ex-2 pressly exempted by this article, shall make a separate applica-3 tion, in writing, properly verified for each vehicle, on a form 4 provided by the state road commissioner, for permission to

5 operate the same on the public roads of this state. In the

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6 application for registration the applicant shall furnish such 7 information as the state road commissioner may require. Upon 8 receipt of such application, together with the fees hereafter 9 provided for, the state road commissioner shall file the applica-10 tion and give to the same a distinguishing mark and number, 11 and shall issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of 12 registration, which shall contain the number or mark assigned 13 such vehicle, the name and place of residence of the owner 14 and his post office address, if the same shall be different from 15 his place of residence. Such certificate shall be of convenient 16 size and form, and shall be at all times carried upon such 17 vehicle, and shall be subject to examination and upon demand 18 by any proper officer, as herein provided. In addition to the 19 certificate of registration, the state road commissioner shall, 20 without additional charge, deliver to the owner metal plates 21 bearing the abbreviation of the name of this state, the year 22 for which issued, and the distinguishing mark or number 23 assigned to such vehicle. Such plates shall be known as regis-24 tration plates. Each year there shall be chosen a color, or 25 combination of colors, for such registration plates, which shall 26 be as different as practicable from the color, or colors, used

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27 on the plates of the preceding year, and the colors used for 28 the current year of the bordering states, and the numerals 29 and letters on such plates shall be of such color as to be shown 30 in marked contrast to the remainder of the plate. The plates 31 shall be of such size and character as the state road commis-32 sioner may prescribe so as to properly accommodate the 33 numerals and other marks. An automobile shall be required 34 to carry two, and any other licensed motor vehicle one, of 35 such plates.

No motor vehicle shall be driven upon any of the highways of this state without the proper registration plates fastened thereon. Registration plates issued prior to the first of the licensing year for which they are to be effective may be placed on the vehicle for which issued, not more than ten days prior to the first day of such licensing year, and used without additional registration fee: *Provided*, That the state road commissioner may extend the period during which said registration plates may be used as aforesaid for such time as in his judgment may seem best.

46 Any person, firm or corporation failing to carry the certificate 47 of registration, or who drives a motor vehicle without the

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48 proper registration plates affixed thereto, or who changes the 48-a name, number or other identification information on the certifi-49 cate of registration, or registration plates, shall be deemed 50 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined 51 not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars: *Provided*, 52 That in the case of a person to whom a certificate has been 53 issued, but who at the time of arrest has not the same with him, 54 the minimum fine shall be one dollar.

The provisions of this section shall apply both to the oper-56 ator, or chauffeur, and to the owner who causes or knowingly 57 permits his vehicle to be operated without a certificate of 58 registration as herein provided.

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Wm. S. O'BRIEN, Secretary of State