

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1953



ENROLLED

Committee Substitute for

HOUSE BILL No. 35

(Originating in the Committee

(By Mr. Old Roads)



PASSED March, 10, 1953

In Effect Thirty Days from Passage



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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
House Bill No. 35

(Originating in the Committee on Roads)

[Passed March 10, 1953; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-three, relating to state owned vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-three, to read as follows:

Section 23. *State Owned Vehicles.*—Any motor vehicle
2 designed to carry passengers, owned or leased by the state
3 of West Virginia, or any of its departments, bureaus, com-
4 missions or institutions, except vehicles used by the gov-
5 ernor, vehicles operated by the department of public

6 safety and not to exceed four vehicles operated by the
7 arson investigators of the office of state fire marshal, shall
8 not be operated or driven by any person unless it shall
9 have displayed and attached to the front thereof, in the
10 same manner as regular motor vehicle registration plates
11 are attached, a plate of the same size as the regular regis-
12 tration plate, with black lettering on a white background
13 bearing the words "West Virginia" in one line and the
14 words "State Car" in another line, and the lettering for
15 the words "State Car" shall be of sufficient size to be
16 plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet dur-
17 ing daylight.

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

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

24 The commissioner of motor vehicles shall have a suffi-
25 cient number of both front and rear plates produced to
26 attach to all state owned cars. The numbered registration

27 plates for such vehicles shall start with the number “five
28 hundred” and the commissioner shall issue consecutive
29 numbers for all state owned cars.

30 It shall be the duty of each office, department, bureau,
31 commission or institution furnished any such vehicle to
32 have such plates affixed thereto prior to the operation of
33 such vehicle by any official or employee.

34 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall
35 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof,
36 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than one
37 hundred dollars.

38 Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction
39 with circuit and criminal courts for the enforcement of
40 this section.

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

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect *thirty days from* passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *16th* day of *March*, 1953.

[Signature]
Governor



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SECRETARY OF STATE