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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to registration plates to be furnished by the department of motor vehicles and the issuance of special registration plates.

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

That section fourteen, 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:

Section 14. *Registration Plates to Be Furnished by the*  
2 *Department.*—The department upon registering a vehicle  
3 shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motor-  
4 cycle, trailer, semi-trailer or other motor vehicle.

5 Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it the  
6 registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it  
7 is issued, also the name of this state, which may be  
8 abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued  
9 or the date of expiration thereof.

10 Such registration plate and the required letters and  
11 numerals thereon, except the year number for which  
12 issued or the date of expiration, shall be of sufficient size  
13 to be plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet  
14 during daylight, said registration numbering to begin with  
15 number two.

16 The department shall not issue, permit to be issued, or  
17 distribute any special numbers except as follows:

18 (a) The governor shall be issued registration plates, on  
19 one of which shall be imprinted the numeral one and on  
20 the other the word one.

21 (b) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued

22 to the secretary of state, state superintendent of free  
23 schools, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture,  
24 and the attorney general, the members of both Houses  
25 of the Legislature, including the clerks thereof, the judges  
26 of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, the  
27 Representatives and Senators of the state in the Congress  
28 of the United States, the judges of the United States dis-  
29 trict courts for the state of West Virginia and the judges  
30 of the United States court of appeals for the fourth cir-  
31 cuit, if any of said judges shall be residents of West Vir-  
32 ginia, a special registration plate for a motor vehicle  
33 owned by him or his wife, but not to exceed one plate for  
34 each such official, which plate shall bear the initials of  
35 the individual together with a designation of his office  
36 and which plate shall supersede, during his term of office  
37 and while such motor vehicle is owned by him or his wife,  
38 the regular numbered plate assigned to him.

39 (c) Upon appropriate application, any owner of a  
40 motor vehicle subject to registration under the provisions  
41 of this article may request that the department issue to  
42 said owner a registration plate bearing a particular num-

43 ber. The department shall attempt to comply with such  
44 request wherever possible.

45 (d) In addition to the regular registration fees set forth  
46 in section three, article ten of this chapter, a fee of five  
47 dollars shall be paid to the department in each case in  
48 which an application for a special registration plate is  
49 made as hereinabove provided in subparagraphs (b)  
50 and (c).

51 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or of  
52 any other provision of this chapter, the commissioner may,  
53 in his discretion, issue a type of registration plate suitable  
54 for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-  
55 trailers, together with appropriate devices to be attached  
56 thereto to indicate the year for which such vehicles have  
57 been properly registered or the date of expiration of such  
58 registration. The design of such plates shall be deter-  
59 mined by the commissioner.

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

*W. Jasper*  
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Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect From passage.

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The within approved this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1959.

*Lee Underwood*  
Governor

