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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 Department.—The department upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semi-trailer or other motor vehicle.

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

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

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

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

(b) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued
to the secretary of state, state superintendent of free
schools, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture,
and the attorney general, the members of both Houses
of the Legislature, including the clerks thereof, the judges
of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, the
Representatives and Senators of the state in the Congress
of the United States, the judges of the United States dis-
trict courts for the state of West Virginia and the judges
of the United States court of appeals for the fourth cir-
cuit, if any of said judges shall be residents of West Vir-
ginia, a special registration plate for a motor vehicle
owned by him or his wife, but not to exceed one plate for
each such official, which plate shall bear the initials of
the individual together with a designation of his office
and which plate shall supersede, during his term of office
and while such motor vehicle is owned by him or his wife,
the regular numbered plate assigned to him.

(c) Upon appropriate application, any owner of a
motor vehicle subject to registration under the provisions
of this article may request that the department issue to
said owner a registration plate bearing a particular num-
The department shall attempt to comply with such request wherever possible.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or of any other provision of this chapter, the commissioner may, in his discretion, issue a type of registration plate suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, together with appropriate devices to be attached thereto to indicate the year for which such vehicles have been properly registered or the date of expiration of such registration. The design of such plates shall be determined by the commissioner.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect From passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 4th day of March, 1959.

Governor