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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections one and three, article ten, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to classification of vehicles for purpose of registration and registration fees for vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires.

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

That sections one and three, article ten, 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 1. *Classification of Vehicles for Purpose of*

2 *Registration.*—Vehicles subject to registration under the

3 provisions of this chapter shall be placed in the following  
4 classes for the purpose of registration:

5 Class A. Motor vehicles of passenger type, other than  
6 those leased or operated for compensation;

7 Class B. Motor vehicles designated as trucks, truck  
8 tractors, or road tractors other than those leased or oper-  
9 ated for compensation;

10 Class C. All trailer and semi-trailer except those leased  
11 or operated for compensation other than over regular  
12 route or between fixed termini by common carriers, and  
13 except house trailers and trailers or semi-trailers designed  
14 to be drawn by class A motor vehicles and having a gross  
15 weight of less than two thousand pounds;

16 Class G. Motorcycles;

17 Class H. Motor vehicles operated regularly under a  
18 certificate of public convenience and necessity or a con-  
19 tract carrier permit for transportation of persons;

20 Class I. Motor vehicles designated as trucks, truck  
21 tractors, or road tractors operated over a regular route or  
22 between fixed termini under a certificate of convenience  
23 and necessity for transportation of property;

24 Class J. Motor vehicles operated for transportation of  
25 persons for compensation by common carriers, not run-  
26 ning over a regular route or between fixed termini, except  
27 passenger motor vehicles rented without a driver;

28 Class K. Motor vehicles designated as trucks, truck  
29 tractors, or road tractors leased or operated for transpor-  
30 tation of property for compensation, not over a regular  
31 route or between fixed termini, including such motor  
32 vehicles rented without drivers;

33 Class L. All trailers and semi-trailers used for trans-  
34 portation of property for compensation;

35 Class R. House trailers;

36 Class S. Special mobile equipment as defined in section  
37 nineteen, article one of this chapter;

38 Class T. Trailers or semi-trailers of a type designed to  
39 be drawn by Class A vehicles and having a gross weight of  
40 less than two thousand pounds;

41 Class U. Passenger motor vehicles rented for compen-  
42 sation without a driver.

43 Class Farm Truck: Motor vehicles designated as trucks  
44 having a minimum gross weight of eight thousand one

45 pounds and a maximum gross weight of twenty-two thou-  
46 sand pounds, used exclusively in the conduct of a farming  
47 business engaged in the production of agricultural pro-  
48 ducts by means of (a) the planting, cultivation and har-  
49 vesting of agricultural, horticultural, vegetable or other  
50 products of the soil, (b) the raising, feeding, and care of  
51 livestock, poultry, bees, and dairy cattle. Such farm truck  
52 shall be used only for the transportation of agricultural  
53 products so produced by the owner thereof, or for the  
54 transportation of agricultural supplies used in such pro-  
55 duction, or for private passenger use.

Sec. 3. *Registration fees for Vehicles Equipped with*  
2 *Pneumatic Tires.*—The following registration fees for the  
3 classes indicated shall be paid annually to the department  
4 for the registration of vehicles subject to registration  
5 hereunder when equipped with pneumatic tires:

6 Class A. The registration fee for all motor vehicles of  
7 this class shall be as follows:

8 (1) For motor vehicles of a weight of three thousand  
9 pounds or less—twenty dollars.

10 (2) For motor vehicles of a weight of three thousand

11 and one pounds to four thousand pounds—twenty-four  
12 dollars.

13 (3) For motor vehicles of a weight in excess of four  
14 thousand pounds—thirty dollars.

15 For the purpose of determining the weight the actual  
16 weight of the vehicle shall be taken: *Provided*, That for  
17 vehicles owned by churches, or by trustees for churches,  
18 which vehicles are regularly used for transporting parish-  
19 ioners to and from church services, no license fee shall  
20 be charged, but notwithstanding such exemption, the cer-  
21 tificate of registration and license plates shall be obtained  
22 the same as other cards and plates under this article.

23 Class B, class H, class I and class K. The registration  
24 fee for all motor vehicles of these four classes shall be as  
25 follows:

26 (1) For declared gross weights of four thousand  
27 pounds or less—twenty dollars.

28 (2) For declared gross weights of four thousand and  
29 one pounds to eight thousand pounds—twenty-two dol-  
30 lars and fifty cents.

31 (3) For declared gross weights of eight thousand and one

32 pounds to sixteen thousand pounds—twenty-two dollars and  
33 fifty cents plus forty-five cents for each hundred pounds or  
34 fraction thereof that the gross weight of such vehicle or  
35 combination of vehicles exceeds eight thousand pounds.

36 (4) For declared gross weights greater than sixteen  
37 thousand pounds—sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents plus  
38 ninety cents for each one hundred pounds or fraction  
39 thereof that the gross weight of such vehicle or combina-  
40 tion of vehicles exceeds sixteen thousand pounds.

41 If the declared gross weight of a class B, class I or class  
42 K motor vehicle includes the gross weight of a class C or  
43 class L vehicle used in combination with such class B,  
44 class I or class K motor vehicle and the registration fee  
45 prescribed hereunder for such class C or class L vehicle  
46 has been paid, there shall be deducted from the registra-  
47 tion fee for such class B, class I or class K motor vehicle  
48 the amount of seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

49 Class C and class L. The registration fee for all vehicles  
50 of these two classes shall be seventeen dollars and fifty  
51 cents.

52 Class G. The registration fee for each motorcycle having

53 two wheels shall be six dollars. The registration fee for  
54 each motorcycle having three wheels shall be seven dol-  
55 lars and fifty cents.

56 Class J. The registration fee for all motor vehicles of  
57 this class shall be eighty-five dollars. Ambulances and  
58 hearses used exclusively as such shall be exempted from  
59 the above special fees.

60 Class R. The registration fee for all vehicles of this  
61 class shall be ten dollars.

62 Class S. The registration fee for all vehicles of this class  
63 shall be seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

64 Class T. The registration fee for all vehicles of this class  
65 shall be six dollars.

66 Class U. The registration fee for all motor vehicles of  
67 this class shall be fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

68 Class Farm Truck: The registration fee for all motor  
69 vehicles of this class shall be as follows:

70 (1) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of eight  
71 thousand one pounds to sixteen thousand pounds—thirty  
72 dollars

73 (2) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of six-



74 teen thousand one pounds to twenty-two thousand pounds  
75 —eighty dollars.

76 From the revenue provided by this section for the fiscal  
77 year 1959-60 the sum of three million two hundred thou-  
78 sand dollars shall be used for the purpose of matching  
79 federal funds allocated for the interstate road system in  
80 West Virginia.

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

W. N. Jasper Jr.  
Chairman Senate Committee

Eudora Andrews  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect From passage.

Thomas C. Meyer  
Clerk of the Senate

C. B. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Ralph Bean  
President of the Senate

H. R. Pauley  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 20th  
day of March, 1959.

Jim H. Underwood  
Governor