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(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President)

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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.

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; Special Registration Plates; Permanent**
3 **Registration Plates.**—The department upon registering a
4 vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for

5 a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer or other motor vehicle.

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

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

17 The color of the registration plates shall be blue and
18 gold of reflectorized material. Colors shall be reversed
19 each year.

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

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

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

26 to the secretary of state, state superintendent of free
27 schools, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture,
28 and the attorney general, the members of both houses of
29 the legislature, including the clerks thereof, the judges of
30 the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, the rep-
31 resentatives and senators of the state in the congress of
32 the United States, the judges of the United States district
33 courts for the state of West Virginia and the judges of
34 the United States court of appeals for the fourth circuit,
35 if any of said judges shall be residents of West Virginia,
36 a special registration plate for a motor vehicle owned by
37 him or his wife, but not to exceed one plate for each such
38 official, which plate shall bear the initials of the individ-
39 ual, or any combination of letters not to exceed three,
40 which combination of letters shall be limited to a con-
41 traction of the proper name or names of such individual
42 or a familiar form applicable to such names or a name
43 by which the individual is generally known, and shall
44 not include any name that might be construed as a slogan
45 or advertisement which has no relation to the name or
46 names of such individual or to a reasonable name by

47 which he is generally known, together with a designation
48 of his office and which plate shall supersede, during his
49 term of office and while such motor vehicle is owned by
50 him or his wife, the regular numbered plate assigned to
51 him.

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

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

64 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or of any
65 other provision of this chapter, the commissioner may,
66 in his discretion, issue a type of registration plate suitable
67 for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-

68 trailers, together with appropriate devices to be attached
69 thereto to indicate the year for which such vehicles have
70 been properly registered or the date of expiration of such
71 registration. The design of such plates shall be determined
72 by the commissioner.

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

Roy Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect July 1, 1963 passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

Clarence Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard Robinson
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 11th
day of March, 1963.

Tommy Banon
Governor

