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SENATE BILL NO. 206

(By Mr. Carson, Mr. President
and Mr. Smith)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-three, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to registration plates on state-owned vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-three, 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 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 gover-
5 nor, vehicles operated by the department of public safety

6 and not to exceed four vehicles operated by the arson in-
7 vestigators of the office of state fire marshal, shall not be
8 operated or driven by any person unless it shall have
9 displayed and attached to the front thereof, in the same
10 manner as regular motor vehicle registration plates are
11 attached, a plate of the same size as the regular registra-
12 tion plate, with white lettering on a green 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
17 during daylight.

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

22 On registration plates issued to vehicles owned by
23 counties, the color shall be white on red with the word
24 "County" on top of the plate and the words "West Vir-
25 ginia" on the bottom. On any registration plates issued
26 to a city or municipality, the color shall be white on blue

27 with the word "City" on top, and the words "West Vir-
28 ginia" on the bottom. The colors may not be reversed and
29 shall be of reflectorized material. The commissioner is
30 hereby authorized to designate the colors and design of
31 any other registration plates that are issued without
32 charge to any other agency in accordance with the motor
33 vehicle laws. The registration plates issued to counties,
34 municipalities and other governmental agencies author-
35 ized to receive colored plates hereunder shall be affixed
36 to both the front and rear of such vehicles.

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

39 The commissioner of motor vehicles shall have a suf-
40 ficient number of both front and rear plates produced to
41 attach to all state-owned cars. The numbered registration
42 plates for such vehicles shall start with the number "five
43 hundred" and the commissioner shall issue consecutive
44 numbers for all state owned cars.

45 It shall be the duty of each office, department, bureau,
46 commission or institution furnished any such vehicle to
47 have such plates affixed thereto prior to the operation of

48 such vehicle by any official or employee.

49 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall
50 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof,
51 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than one
52 hundred dollars.

53 Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction
54 with circuit and criminal courts for the enforcement of
55 this section.

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

O. Roy Jenkins
Chairman Senate Committee

Esther L. Caudell
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

J. Herman Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

O. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Barrow
President of the Senate

Julius W. Singleton Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Howard W. Barrow
Governor

