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SENATE BILL NO. 28

(By Mr. Harman)

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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 motor vehicle registration plates carrying designation "Almost Heaven - West Virginia."

*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:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

**§17A-3-14. Registration plates to be furnished by the department; special registration plates; permanent registration plates.**

- 1 The department upon registering a vehicle shall issue
- 2 to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle,
- 3 trailer, semitrailer or other motor vehicle.
- 4 Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it
- 5 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which
- 6 it is issued, also the name of this state preceded by the
- 7 phrase "Almost Heaven", and the year number for which
- 8 it is issued or the date of expiration thereof. No other
- 9 phrase or designation shall appear thereon: *Provided,*
- 10 That in implementing this provision as to the phrase to be

11 displayed thereon, the department shall do so as license  
12 plates are issued and may continue to use plates already  
13 manufactured until exhausted.

14 Such registration plate and the required letters and  
15 numerals thereon, except the year number for which  
16 issued or the date of expiration, shall be of sufficient size  
17 to be plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet  
18 during daylight.

19 The color of the registration plates shall be blue and  
20 gold of reflectorized material.

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

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

26 (b) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued  
27 to the secretary of state, state superintendent of free  
28 schools, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture,  
29 and the attorney general, the members of both houses  
30 of the Legislature, including the clerks thereof, the jus-  
31 tices of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia,  
32 the representatives and senators of the state in the Con-  
33 gress of the United States, the judges of the United States  
34 district courts for the state of West Virginia and the  
35 judges of the United States court of appeals for the fourth  
36 circuit, if any of said judges shall be residents of West  
37 Virginia, a special registration plate for a motor vehicle  
38 owned by him or his wife, but not to exceed one plate  
39 for each such official, which plate shall bear the initials  
40 of the individual, or any combination of letters not to  
41 exceed three, which combination of letters shall be limited  
42 to a contraction of the proper name or names of such  
43 individual or a familiar form applicable to such names  
44 or a name by which the individual is generally known,  
45 and shall not include any name that might be construed  
46 as a slogan or advertisement which has no relation to the  
47 name or names of such individual or to a reasonable name  
48 by which he is generally known, together with a desig-  
49 nation of his office and which plate shall supersede, during  
50 his term of office and while such motor vehicle is owned

51 by him or his wife, the regular numbered plate assigned  
52 to him.

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

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

65 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, or of any  
66 other provision of this chapter, the commissioner may,  
67 in his discretion, issue a type of registration plate suitable  
68 for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semi-  
69 trailers, together with appropriate devices to be attached  
70 thereto to indicate the year for which such vehicles have  
71 been properly registered or the date of expiration of such  
72 registration. The design of such plates shall be determined  
73 by the commissioner.

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

H. Daniel Hardy  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence L. Christian Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Harold Wilson  
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Brotherton Jr.  
President of the Senate

Louis J. McNamee  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within disapproved this the 18th  
day of March, 1974.

Arch A. Moore Jr.  
Governor

**PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR**

Date 3/14/74  
Time 2:15 p.m.