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SENATE BILL NO. 28

(By Mr. Darman)

PASSED March 8, 1974

In Effect 90 days from Passage

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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(By Mr. Harman)

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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 to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer or other motor vehicle.
2. 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 preceded by the phrase “Almost Heaven”, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration thereof. No other phrase or designation shall appear thereon: Provided,
3. That in implementing this provision as to the phrase to be
displayed thereon, the department shall do so as license plates are issued and may continue to use plates already manufactured until exhausted.

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.

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

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 justices 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 district courts for the state of West Virginia and the judges of the United States court of appeals for the fourth circuit, if any of said judges shall be residents of West Virginia, 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, or any combination of letters not to exceed three, which combination of letters shall be limited to a contraction of the proper name or names of such individual or a familiar form applicable to such names or a name by which the individual is generally known, and shall not include any name that might be construed as a slogan or advertisement which has no relation to the name or names of such individual or to a reasonable name by which he is generally known, 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-
ber. 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
dollars shall be paid to the department in each case
in which an application for a special registration plate is
made as hereinafore 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 semi-
trailers, 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.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

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