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HOUSE BILL No. 1143

(By Mr. Stephoe)



Passed March 12, 1983

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H. B. 1143

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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 motor vehicles; original and renewal of registration; issuance of certificates of title; providing for the issuance of a maximum of five Class A licenses for use by county sheriffs and municipalities.

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:

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

§17A-3-23. Registration plates to state, county, municipal and other governmental vehicles.

1 Any motor vehicle designed to carry passengers, owned or
2 leased by the state of West Virginia, or any of its departments,
3 bureaus, commissions or institutions, except vehicles used by
4 the governor, treasurer, vehicles operated by the department of
5 public safety, not to exceed six vehicles operated by conserva-

6 tion officers of the department of natural resources, and not to
7 exceed ten vehicles operated by the arson investigators of the
8 office of state fire marshal, shall not be operated or driven by
9 any person unless it shall have displayed and attached to the
10 front thereof, in the same manner as regular motor vehicle
11 registration plates are attached, a plate of the same size as
12 the regular registration plate, with white lettering on a green
13 background bearing the words "West Virginia" in one line
14 and the words "State Car" in another line, and the lettering for
15 the words "State Car" shall be of sufficient size to be plainly
16 readable from a distance of one hundred feet during daylight.

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

21 On registration plates issued to vehicles owned by counties,
22 the color shall be white on red with the word "County" on top
23 of the plate and the words "West Virginia" on the bottom.
24 On any registration plates issued to a city or municipality, the
25 color shall be white on blue with the word "City" on top, and
26 the words "West Virginia" on the bottom. The colors may
27 not be reversed and shall be of reflectorized material. The com-
28 missioner is hereby authorized to designate the colors and de-
29 sign of any other registration plates that are issued without
30 charge to any other agency in accordance with the motor ve-
31 hicle laws. The registration plates issued to counties, munic-
32 ipalities and other governmental agencies authorized to receive
33 colored plates hereunder shall be affixed to both the front and
34 rear of such vehicles: *Provided*, That upon application and
35 payment of fees, the commissioner is hereby authorized to
36 issue a maximum of five Class A license plates per ap-
37 plicant to be used by county sheriffs and municipalities
38 on law enforcement vehicles while engaged in undercover in-
39 vestigations.

40 No other registration plate shall be issued for, or attached
41 to, any such state-owned vehicle.

42 The commissioner of motor vehicles shall have a sufficient
43 number of both front and rear plates produced to attach to all

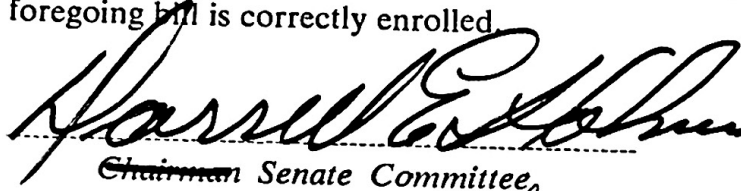
44 state-owned cars. The numbered registration plates for such
45 vehicles shall start with the number "five hundred" and the
46 commissioner shall issue consecutive numbers for all state-
47 owned cars.

48 It shall be the duty of each office, department, bureau,
49 commission or institution furnished any such vehicle to have
50 such plates affixed thereto prior to the operation of such ve-
51 hicle by any official or employee.

52 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
53 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall
54 be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred
55 dollars.

56 Magistrates shall have concurrent jurisdiction with circuit
57 and criminal courts for the enforcement of this section.

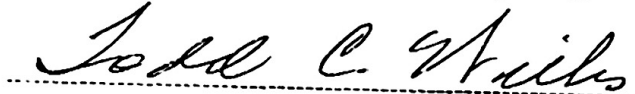
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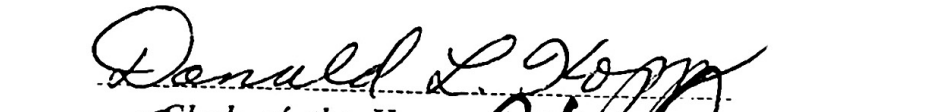

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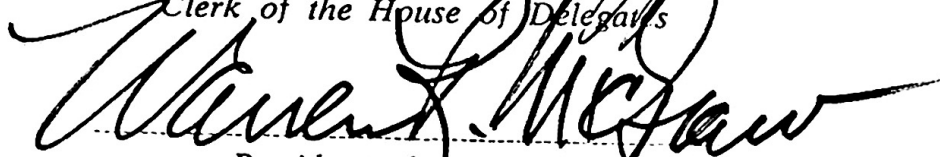

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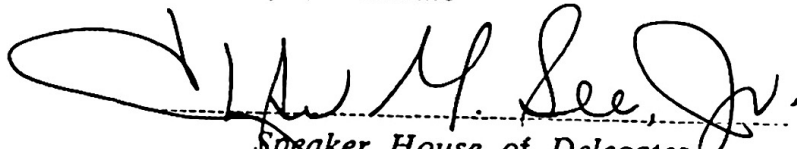
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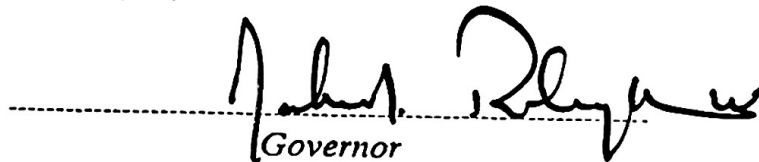

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President of the Senate


Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27
day of March, 1983.


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