WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1995

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SENATE BILL NO. 209

(By Senator Miller, et al.)

PASSED March 14, 1995

In Effect Upon Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section sixteen, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend and reenact section three, article ten of said chapter, all relating to motor vehicle registration; repealing the requirement that certain trucks be registered for one of twelve registration periods; repealing provisions regarding allocations of registration periods for trucks and other motor vehicles; establishing a three-year registration period of Class T and Class R vehicles; and payment of fees for multiyear registration.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section sixteen, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that section three, article ten of said chapter, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.

§17A-3-16. Expiration of registration and certificates of title.

(a) Every vehicle registration under this chapter and every registration card and registration plate issued hereunder shall expire at midnight on the last day of the month designated by the commissioner: Provided, That the commissioner may extend the period during which said registration plates may be used.

Certificates of title need not be renewed annually but shall remain valid until canceled by the division for cause or upon a transfer of any interest shown therein.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or of any provision of this chapter, the commissioner shall adopt a staggered registration system whereby the registration of Class A motor vehicles shall be for a period of twelve consecutive calendar months, the expiration dates thereof to be staggered throughout the year.

(1) On or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight, all Class A motor vehicles as defined in section one, article ten of this chapter, shall be registered for a period of twelve consecutive calendar months. There hereby are established twelve registration periods, each of which shall start on the first day of each calendar month of the year and shall end on the last day of the twelfth month from date of beginning. The period ending on the thirty-first day of January shall be designated the first period; that ending on the twenty-eighth (twenty-ninth) day of February shall be designated the second; that ending on the thirty-first day of March shall be designated the third; that ending on the thirty-first day of April shall be designated the fourth; that ending on the thirty-first day of May shall be designated the fifth; that ending on the thirty-first day of June shall be designated the sixth; that ending on the thirty-first day of July shall be designated the seventh; that ending on the thirty-first day of August shall be designated the
§17 A-10-3. Registration fees for vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires.

The following registration fees for the classes indicated shall be paid to the division for the registration of vehicles subject to registration hereunder when equipped with pneumatic tires:

(a) Registration fees for the following classes shall be paid to the division annually:

(1) Class A. — The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

(A) For motor vehicles of a weight of three thousand pounds or less — twenty-five dollars.

(B) For motor vehicles of a weight of three thousand...
and one pounds to four thousand pounds — thirty
dollars.

(C) For motor vehicles of a weight in excess of four
thousand pounds — thirty-six dollars.

(D) For motor vehicles designed as trucks with de-
clared gross weights of four thousand pounds or less —
twenty-five dollars.

(E) For motor vehicles designed as trucks with de-
clared gross weights of four thousand and one pounds to
eight thousand pounds — thirty dollars.

For the purpose of determining the weight, the actual
weight of the vehicle shall be taken: Provided, That for
vehicles owned by churches, or by trustees for churches,
which vehicles are regularly used for transporting
parishioners to and from church services, no license fee
shall be charged, but notwithstanding such exemption,
the certificate of registration and license plates shall be
obtained the same as other cards and plates under this
article.

(2) Class B, Class E and Class K. — The registration fee
for all motor vehicles of these three classes is as follows:

(A) For declared gross weights of eight thousand and
one pounds to sixteen thousand pounds — twenty-eight
dollars plus five dollars for each one thousand pounds or
fraction thereof that the gross weight of such vehicle or
combination of vehicles exceeds eight thousand pounds.

(B) For declared gross weights greater than sixteen
thousand pounds, but less than fifty-five thousand
pounds — seventy-eight dollars and fifty cents plus ten
dollars for each one thousand pounds or fraction thereof
that the gross weight of such vehicle or combination of
vehicles exceeds sixteen thousand pounds.

(C) For declared gross weights of fifty-five thousand
pounds or more — seven hundred thirty-seven dollars
and fifty cents plus fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents
for each one thousand pounds or fraction thereof that
the gross weight of such vehicle or combination of
vehicles exceeds fifty-five thousand pounds.

(3) Class C and Class L. — The registration fee for all
vehicles of these two classes is seventeen dollars and
fifty cents except that semitrailers, full trailers, pole
trailers, and converter gear registered as Class C and
Class L may be registered for a period of ten years at a
fee of one hundred dollars.

(4) Class G. — The registration fee for each motorcycle
is eight dollars.

(5) Class H. — The registration fee for all vehicles for
this class operating entirely within the state is five
dollars; and for vehicles engaged in interstate transpor-
tation of persons, the registration fee is the amount of
the fees provided by this section for Class B, Class E and
Class K reduced by the amount that the mileage of such
vehicles operated in states other than West Virginia
bears to the total mileage operated by such vehicles in all
states under a formula to be established by the division
of motor vehicles.

(6) Class J. — The registration fee for all motor vehicles
of this class is eighty-five dollars. Ambulances and
hearses used exclusively as such are exempt from the
above special fees.

(7) Class S. — The registration fee for all vehicles of
this class is seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

(8) Class U. — The registration fee for all vehicles of
this class is fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

(9) Class Farm Truck. — The registration fee for all
motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

(A) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of eight
thousand and one pounds to sixteen thousand pounds —
thirty dollars.

(B) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
sixteen thousand and one pounds to twenty-two thou-
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83 sand pounds — sixty dollars.
84 (c) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
85 twenty-two thousand and one pounds to twenty-eight
86 thousand pounds — ninety dollars.
87 (d) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
88 twenty-eight thousand and one pounds to thirty-four
89 thousand pounds — one hundred fifteen dollars.
90 (e) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
91 thirty-four thousand and one pounds to forty-four
92 thousand pounds — one hundred sixty dollars.
93 (f) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
94 forty-four thousand and one pounds to fifty-four thou-
95 sand pounds — two hundred five dollars.
96 (g) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of
97 fifty-four thousand and one pounds to sixty-four thou-
98 sand pounds — two hundred fifty dollars.
99 (b) Registration fees for the following classes shall be
100 paid to the division for a maximum period of three years,
101 or portion thereof based on the number of years remain-
102 ing in the three-year period designated by the commis-
103 sioner:
104 (1) Class R. — The annual registration fee for all
105 vehicles of this class is twelve dollars.
106 (2) Class T. — The annual registration fee for all
107 vehicles of this class is eight dollars.
108 (c) The fees paid to the division for a multiyear regis-
109 tration provided for by this chapter shall be the same as
110 the annual registration fee established by this section
111 and any other fee required by this chapter multiplied by
112 the number of years for which the registration is issued.
That 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 from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 23rd day of March, 1995.

Governor