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SENATE BILL NO. 52

(By Senator Kessler, et al.)

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(SENATORS KESSLER, HUNTER, ROSS, CHAFIN, MINARD AND CALDWELL, original sponsors)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §17A-3-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to registration plates for motorcycles; allowing for plates to be fastened in vertical position; and requiring the commissioner of the division of motor vehicles to offer owners of motorcycles the choice of registration plates for vertical or horizontal positioning.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17A-3-15 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

§17A-3-15. Display of registration plates.
(a) Registration plates issued for vehicles required to be registered under this article shall be attached to the rear of the vehicles except that on truck tractors and road tractors designed and constructed to pull trailers or semitrailers, the registration plate shall be mounted to the front.

(b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than twelve inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, an owner of a motor vehicle with a Class G registration as defined in section one, article ten of this chapter may choose to:

(1) Display a standard, Class G registration plate in a horizontal position; or

(2) Display a specially designed Class G registration plate in a vertical position issued by the division of motor vehicles if the owner:

(A) Pays a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars to cover the additional cost and services necessary to issue the special registration plate to be deposited into a special revolving fund to be used for the administration of this chapter; and

(B) Pays all other required fees and complies with all other applicable provisions of this code regarding the titling, registration and operation of the vehicle.
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 is approved this the 17th Day of March, 2004.

Governor