1	H. B. 2200
2	
3	(By Delegate Sobonya)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Roads and Transportation then Finance.]
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	A BILL to amend and reenact $17A-3-16$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to motorcycle registration renewal;
12	and exempting motorcycles from the requirement of annual
13	registration.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §17A-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION. ISSUANCE OF
18	CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.
19	§17A-3-16. Expiration of registration and certificates of title.
20	(a) Every vehicle registration under this chapter and every
21	registration card and registration plate issued under this chapter
22	expires at midnight on the last day of the month designated by the
23	commissioner: Provided, That the commissioner may extend the

1

1 period during which the registration plates may be used.

2 Certificates of title need not be renewed annually but remain 3 valid until canceled by the division for cause or upon a transfer 4 of any interest shown in the vehicle.

5 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or of any 6 provision of this chapter, the commissioner shall adopt a staggered 7 registration system whereby the registration of Class A <u>or Class G</u> 8 motor vehicles is for a period of twelve consecutive calendar 9 months, the expiration dates of the registrations to be staggered 10 throughout the year: *Provided*, That on or after July 1, 1997, the 11 commissioner shall also offer an optional two-year registration 12 system, whereby the registration of all vehicles shall be for a 13 period of twenty-four consecutive calendar months, the expiration 14 dates of the registrations to be staggered throughout the year. 15 Under this option, all annual fees due at the time of registration 16 shall be multiplied by two.

17 (1) On or after July 1, 1997, all Class A <u>and effective on</u> 18 <u>July 1, 2011, Class G</u> motor vehicles as defined in section one, 19 article ten of this chapter, shall be registered for a period of 20 twelve or twenty-four consecutive calendar months. There hereby 21 are established twelve registration periods, each of which shall 22 start on the first day of each calendar month of the year and shall 23 end on the last day of the twelfth month from date of beginning. 24 The period ending on January 31 is designated the first period;

2

1 that ending on the February 28 <u>(February 29)</u> is designated the 2 second; that ending on March 31 is designated the third; that 3 ending on April 30 is designated the fourth; that ending on May 31 4 is designated the fifth; that ending on June 30 is designated the 5 sixth; that ending on July 31 is designated the seventh; that 6 ending on August 31 is designated the eighth; that ending on 7 September 30 is designated the ninth; that ending on October 31 is 8 designated the tenth; that ending on November 30 is designated the 9 eleventh; and that ending on December 31 is designated the twelfth.

10 (2) All Class A <u>or Class G</u> motor vehicles, which are operated 11 for the first time upon the public highways of this state to and 12 including the fifteenth day of any given month are subject to 13 registration and payment of the fee for the twelve- or twenty-four-14 month period commencing the first day of the month of operation. 15 All Class A <u>or Class G</u> motor vehicles operated for the first time 16 upon the public highways of this state on and after the sixteenth 17 day of any given month are subject to registration and payment of 18 fee for the twelve or twenty-four-month period commencing the first 19 day of the month of the next following calendar month.

20 (c) On or before July 1, 1996, all Class T and Class R 21 vehicles shall be registered for a maximum period of three years or 22 portion thereof based on the number of years remaining in the 23 three-year period designated by the commissioner.

24 (d) On or before July 1, 2000, all Class C trailers shall be

3

1 registered for the duration of the owner's interest in the trailer

2 and shall not expire until either sold or otherwise permanently

3 removed from the service of the owner.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the registration of motorcycles for twenty-four months.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.