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**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creation of a program to allow for discounted veteran's licence plates and option on application for applicant to consent to receive information about veteran's services provided by, and recommended by, the State of West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§17A-3-14. Registration plates generally; description of plates; issuance of special numbers and plates; registration fees; special application fees; exemptions; commissioner to promulgate forms; suspension and nonrenewal.

(a) The division upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, semitrailer or other motor vehicle.

(b) Registration plates issued by the division shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Every registration plate shall be of reflectorized material and have displayed upon it the

1 registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued; the name of this state, which may
2 be abbreviated; and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration of the plate.

3 (2) Every registration plate and the required letters and numerals on the plate shall be of
4 sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet during daylight: *Provided*,
5 That the requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to the year number for which the plate is
6 issued or the date of expiration.

7 (3) Registration numbering for registration plates shall begin with number two.

8 (c) The division may not issue, permit to be issued or distribute any special registration plates
9 except as follows:

10 (1) The Governor shall be issued two registration plates, on one of which shall be imprinted
11 the numeral one and on the other the word one.

12 (2) State officials and judges may be issued special registration plates as follows:

13 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to the Secretary of State, State
14 Superintendent of Schools, Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and the Attorney
15 General, the members of both houses of the Legislature, including the elected officials of both
16 houses of the Legislature, the justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the
17 representatives and senators of the state in the Congress of the United States, the judges of the West
18 Virginia circuit courts, active and retired on senior status, the judges of the United States district
19 courts for the State of West Virginia and the judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the
20 fourth circuit, if any of the judges are residents of West Virginia, a special registration plate for a
21 Class A motor vehicle and a special registration plate for a Class G motorcycle owned by the official
22 or his or her spouse: *Provided*, That the division may issue a Class A special registration plate for

1 each vehicle titled to the official and a Class G special registration plate for each motorcycle titled
2 to the official.

3 (B) Each plate issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear any combination of letters and
4 numbers not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner and a designation of the office.
5 Each plate shall supersede the regular numbered plate assigned to the official or his or her spouse
6 during the official's term of office and while the motor vehicle is owned by the official or his or her
7 spouse.

8 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for every registration plate issued pursuant
9 to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

10 (3) The division may issue members of the National Guard forces special registration plates
11 as follows:

12 (A) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the division and receipt of written
13 evidence from the chief executive officer of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard, as
14 appropriate, or the commanding officer of any United States Armed Forces reserve unit that the
15 applicant is a member thereof, the division shall issue to any member of the National Guard of this
16 state or a member of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces a special registration plate
17 designed by the commissioner for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned by the member.
18 Upon presentation of written evidence of retirement status, retired members of this state's Army or
19 Air National Guard, or retired members of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces, are
20 eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision.

21 (B) The division shall charge an initial application fee of \$10 for each special registration
22 plate issued pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this

1 chapter. Except as otherwise provided herein, effective July 1, 2007, all fees currently held in the
2 special revolving fund used in the administration of this section and all fees collected by the division
3 shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

4 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's National Guard
5 forces license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

6 (4) Specially arranged registration plates may be issued as follows:

7 (A) Upon appropriate application, any owner of a motor vehicle subject to Class A
8 registration, or a motorcycle subject to Class G registration, as defined by this article, may request
9 that the division issue a registration plate bearing specially arranged letters or numbers with the
10 maximum number of letters or numbers to be determined by the commissioner. The division shall
11 attempt to comply with the request wherever possible.

12 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the
13 provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the orderly distribution of the plates:
14 *Provided*, That for purposes of this subdivision, the registration plates requested and issued shall
15 include all plates bearing the numbers two through two thousand.

16 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each special registration plate issued pursuant
17 to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

18 (5) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans special registration plates as
19 follows:

20 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any honorably discharged
21 veteran of any branch of the armed services of the United States a special registration plate for any
22 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the

1 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

2 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
3 fees required by law. This special fee is to compensate the Division of Motor Vehicles for additional
4 costs and services required in the issuing of the special registration. All fees collected by the
5 division shall be deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be
6 construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

7 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's honorably
8 discharged veterans license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
9 license plate.

10 (6) The division may issue disabled veterans special registration plates as follows:

11 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any disabled veteran who is
12 exempt from the payment of registration fees under the provisions of this chapter a registration plate
13 for a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant which bears the letters "DV" in red and also
14 the regular identification numerals in red.

15 (B) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's disabled veterans
16 license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

17 (C) A qualified disabled veteran may obtain a second disabled veterans license plate as
18 described in this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
19 The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road Fund, in addition
20 to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second plate.

21 (7) The division may issue recipients of the distinguished Purple Heart medal special
22 registration plates as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any armed service person holding
2 the distinguished Purple Heart medal for persons wounded in combat a registration plate for a
3 vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. The registration plate
4 shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and shall denote that those individuals
5 who are granted this special registration plate are recipients of the Purple Heart. All letterings shall
6 be in purple where practical.

7 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from all registration
8 fees otherwise required by the provisions of this chapter.

9 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's Purple Heart medal
10 license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

11 (D) A recipient of the Purple Heart medal may obtain a second Purple Heart medal license
12 plate as described in this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified
13 applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road Fund,
14 in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second plate.

15 (8) The division may issue survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor special registration plates
16 as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the owner of a motor vehicle who was enlisted in any
18 branch of the armed services that participated in and survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on
19 December 7, 1941, the division shall issue a special registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name
20 of the qualified applicant. The registration plate shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor
21 Vehicles.

22 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from the payment of

1 all registration fees otherwise required by the provisions of this chapter.

2 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's survivors of the
3 attack on Pearl Harbor license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
4 license plate.

5 (D) A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor may obtain a second survivors of the attack on
6 Pearl Harbor license plate as described in this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the
7 name of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into
8 the State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second plate.

9 (9) The division may issue special registration plates to nonprofit charitable and educational
10 organizations authorized under prior enactment of this subdivision as follows:

11 (A) Approved nonprofit charitable and educational organizations previously authorized under
12 the prior enactment of this subdivision may accept and collect applications for special registration
13 plates from owners of Class A motor vehicles together with a special annual fee of \$15, which is in
14 addition to all other fees required by this chapter. The applications and fees shall be submitted to
15 the Division of Motor Vehicles with the request that the division issue a registration plate bearing
16 a combination of letters or numbers with the organizations' logo or emblem, with the maximum
17 number of letters or numbers to be determined by the commissioner.

18 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the
19 provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the procedures for and
20 approval of special registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision.

21 (C) The commissioner shall set an appropriate fee to defray the administrative costs
22 associated with designing and manufacturing special registration plates for a nonprofit charitable or

1 educational organization. The nonprofit charitable or educational organization shall collect this fee
2 and forward it to the division for deposit in the State Road Fund. The nonprofit charitable or
3 educational organization may also collect a fee for marketing the special registration plates.

4 (10) The division may issue specified emergency or volunteer registration plates as follows:

5 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who
6 is a certified paramedic or emergency medical technician, a member of a paid fire department, a
7 member of the State Fire Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal's assistants,
8 the State Fire Administrator and voluntary rescue squad members may apply for a special license
9 plate for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant which bears
10 the insignia of the profession, group or commission. Any insignia shall be designed by the
11 commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear the requested insignia
12 in addition to the registration number issued to the applicant pursuant to the provisions of this article.

13 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an
14 affidavit signed by the fire chief or department head of the applicant stating that the applicant is
15 justified in having a registration with the requested insignia; proof of compliance with all laws of
16 this state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles; and payment of all required fees.

17 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by payment
18 of a special initial application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or license fee
19 required by this chapter. All special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into the
20 State Road Fund.

21 (11) The division may issue specified certified firefighter registration plates as follows:

22 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who

1 is a certified firefighter may apply for a special license plate which bears the insignia of the
2 profession, for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Any
3 insignia shall be designed by the commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision
4 shall bear the requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of this article. Upon presentation of
5 written evidence of certification as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters are eligible to purchase
6 the special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision.

7 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an
8 affidavit stating that the applicant is justified in having a registration with the requested insignia;
9 proof of compliance with all laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles;
10 and payment of all required fees. The firefighter certification department, section or division of the
11 West Virginia University fire service extension shall notify the commissioner in writing immediately
12 when a firefighter loses his or her certification. If a firefighter loses his or her certification, the
13 commissioner may not issue him or her a license plate under this subsection.

14 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by payment
15 of a special initial application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or license fee
16 required by this chapter. All special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into the
17 State Road Fund.

18 (12) The division may issue special scenic registration plates as follows:

19 (A) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner shall issue a special registration plate
20 displaying a scenic design of West Virginia which displays the words "Wild Wonderful" as a slogan.

21 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
22 all other fees required by this chapter. All initial application fees collected by the division shall be

1 deposited into the State Road Fund.

2 (13) The division may issue honorably discharged Marine Corps league members special
3 registration plates as follows:

4 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any honorably discharged
5 Marine Corps league member a special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the
6 name of the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of
7 Motor Vehicles.

8 (B) The division may charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
9 all other fees required by this chapter. This special fee is to compensate the Division of Motor
10 Vehicles for additional costs and services required in the issuing of the special registration and shall
11 be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this
12 section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

13 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's honorably
14 discharged Marine Corps League license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not
15 renew the license plate.

16 (14) The division may issue military organization registration plates as follows:

17 (A) The division may issue a special registration plate for the members of any military
18 organization chartered by the United States Congress upon receipt of a guarantee from the
19 organization of a minimum of one hundred applicants. The insignia on the plate shall be designed
20 by the commissioner.

21 (B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue members of the chartered
22 organization in good standing, as determined by the governing body of the chartered organization,

1 a special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

2 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 for each special
3 license plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All initial application fees
4 collected by the division shall be deposited into the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this
5 section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

6 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's military
7 organization registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the special
8 military organization registration plate.

9 (15) The division may issue special nongame wildlife registration plates and special wildlife
10 registration plates as follows:

11 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate
12 displaying a species of West Virginia wildlife which shall display a species of wildlife native to West
13 Virginia as prescribed and designated by the commissioner and the Director of the Division of
14 Natural Resources.

15 (B) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special nongame wildlife
16 registration plate and each special wildlife registration plate in addition to all other fees required by
17 this chapter. All annual fees collected for nongame wildlife registration plates and wildlife
18 registration plates shall be deposited in a special revenue account designated the Nongame Wildlife
19 Fund and credited to the Division of Natural Resources.

20 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
21 all other fees required by this chapter. All initial application fees collected by the division shall be
22 deposited in the State Road Fund.

1 (16) The division may issue members of the Silver Haired Legislature special registration
2 plates as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any person who is a duly
4 qualified member of the Silver Haired Legislature a specialized registration plate which bears
5 recognition of the applicant as a member of the Silver Haired Legislature.

6 (B) A qualified member of the Silver Haired Legislature may obtain one registration plate
7 described in this subdivision for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified
8 applicant. The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15, in addition to all other fees required by
9 this chapter, for the plate. All annual fees collected by the division shall be deposited in the State
10 Road Fund.

11 (17) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner shall issue to a classic motor vehicle
12 or classic motorcycle as defined in section three-a, article ten of this chapter, a special registration
13 plate designed by the commissioner. An annual fee of \$15, in addition to all other fees required by
14 this chapter, shall be charged for each classic registration plate.

15 (18) Honorably discharged veterans may be issued special registration plates for motorcycles
16 subject to Class G registration as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any honorably discharged veteran
18 of any branch of the armed services of the United States a special registration plate for any number
19 of motorcycles subject to Class G registration titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an
20 insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

21 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged in addition to all other fees
22 required by law. This special fee is to be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road

1 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other
2 provision of this chapter.

3 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's honorably
4 discharged veterans license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
5 license plate.

6 (19) Racing theme special registration plates:

7 (A) The division may issue a series of special registration plates displaying National
8 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing themes.

9 (B) An annual fee of \$25 shall be charged for each special racing theme registration plate in
10 addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All annual fees collected for each special racing
11 theme registration plate shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

12 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the time of initial application as well
13 as upon application for any duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all other fees
14 required by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

15 (20) The division may issue recipients of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross,
16 Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Bronze Star, Silver Star or Air Medal special
17 registration plates as follows:

18 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any recipient of the Navy Cross,
19 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star
20 or Air Medal, a registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified
21 applicant bearing letters or numbers. A separate registration plate shall be designed by the
22 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each award that denotes that those individuals who are granted

1 this special registration plate are recipients of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross,
2 Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star or Bronze Star, or Air Medal as applicable.

3 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
4 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
5 Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section exempts the applicant for a special registration
6 plate under this subdivision from any other provision of this chapter.

7 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's Navy Cross,
8 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star
9 or Air Medal special registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew
10 the special registration plate.

11 (21) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans special registration plates as
12 follows:

13 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any honorably discharged
14 veteran of any branch of the armed services of the United States with verifiable service during World
15 War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War or the War Against Terrorism a
16 special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant with
17 an insignia designed by the commissioner denoting service in the applicable conflict.

18 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
19 all other fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in
20 the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section may be construed to exempt
21 any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

22 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's honorably

1 discharged veterans registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew
2 the special registration plate.

3 (22) The division may issue special volunteer firefighter registration plates as follows:

4 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West Virginia and who is a volunteer
5 firefighter may apply for a special license plate for any Class A vehicle titled in the name of the
6 qualified applicant which bears the insignia of the profession in white letters on a red background.
7 The insignia shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain a fireman's helmet insignia
8 on the left side of the license plate.

9 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an
10 affidavit signed by the applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter and
11 justified in having a registration plate with the requested insignia. The applicant must comply with
12 all other laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles and must pay all
13 required fees.

14 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by payment
15 of a special one-time initial application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or
16 license fee required by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

17 (23) The division may issue special registration plates which reflect patriotic themes,
18 including the display of any United States symbol, icon, phrase or expression which evokes patriotic
19 pride or recognition.

20 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant a registration plate
21 of the applicant's choice, displaying a patriotic theme as provided in this subdivision, for a vehicle
22 titled in the name of the applicant. A series of registration plates displaying patriotic themes shall

1 be designed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for distribution to applicants.

2 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
3 all other fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in
4 the State Road Fund.

5 (24) Special license plates bearing the American flag and the logo "9/11/01".

6 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue special registration plates which
7 shall display the American flag and the logo "9/11/01".

8 (B) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
9 by this chapter.

10 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the time of initial application as well
11 as upon application for any duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all other fees
12 required by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

13 (25) The division may issue a special registration plate celebrating the centennial of the 4-H
14 youth development movement and honoring the Future Farmers of America organization as follows:

15 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate depicting
16 the symbol of the 4-H organization which represents the head, heart, hands and health as well as the
17 symbol of the Future Farmers of America organization which represents a cross section of an ear of
18 corn for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

19 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
20 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
21 Road Fund.

22 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special 4-H Future Farmers of

1 America registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

2 (26) The division may issue special registration plates to educators in the state's elementary
3 and secondary schools and in the state's institutions of higher education as follows:

4 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
5 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

6 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
7 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
8 Road Fund.

9 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special educator registration plate
10 in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

11 (27) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Nemesis Shrine as
12 follows:

13 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
14 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
15 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in Nemesis
16 Shrine.

17 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
18 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
19 Road Fund.

20 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
21 by this chapter.

22 (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the

1 Nemesis Shrine to comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby extended
2 to January 15, 2005.

3 (28) The division may issue volunteers and employees of the American Red Cross special
4 registration plates as follows:

5 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any person who is a duly
6 qualified volunteer or employee of the American Red Cross a specialized registration plate which
7 bears recognition of the applicant as a volunteer or employee of the American Red Cross for any
8 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
10 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
11 Road Fund.

12 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
13 by this chapter.

14 (29) The division shall issue special registration plates to individuals who have received
15 either the Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medic Badge as follows:

16 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate designed
17 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
18 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof that they have received
19 either the Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medic Badge.

20 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
21 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
22 Road Fund.

1 (30) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Knights of
2 Columbus as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate designed
4 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
5 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the
6 Knights of Columbus.

7 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
8 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
9 Road Fund.

10 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
11 by this chapter.

12 (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the
13 Knights of Columbus to comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby
14 extended to January 15, 2007.

15 (31) The division may issue special registration plates to former members of the Legislature
16 as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate designed
18 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
19 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of former service as an
20 elected or appointed member of the West Virginia House of Delegates or the West Virginia Senate.

21 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
22 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State

1 Road Fund. The design of the plate shall indicate total years of service in the Legislature.

2 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
3 by this chapter.

4 (32) Democratic state or county executive committee member special registration plates:

5 (A) The division shall design and issue special registration plates for use by democratic state
6 or county executive committee members. The design of the plates shall include an insignia of a
7 donkey and shall differentiate by wording on the plate between state and county executive committee
8 members.

9 (B) An annual fee of \$25 shall be charged for each democratic state or county executive
10 committee member registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All annual
11 fees collected for each special plate issued under this subdivision shall be deposited into the State
12 Road Fund.

13 (C) A special application fee of \$10 shall be charged at the time of initial application as well
14 as upon application for any duplicate or replacement registration plate, in addition to all other fees
15 required by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into the State Road Fund.

16 (D) The division shall not begin production of a plate authorized under the provisions of this
17 subdivision until the division receives at least one hundred completed applications from the state or
18 county executive committee members, including all fees required pursuant to this subdivision.

19 (E) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the
20 democratic executive committee to comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is
21 hereby extended to January 15, 2005.

22 (33) The division may issue honorably discharged female veterans special registration plates

1 as follows:

2 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any female honorably discharged
3 veteran, of any branch of the armed services of the United States, a special registration plate for any
4 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the
5 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate the recipient as a woman veteran.

6 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged in addition to all other fees
7 required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road
8 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other
9 provision of this chapter.

10 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his deceased spouse's honorably discharged
11 veterans license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

12 (34) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia,
13 letters or words demonstrating association with West Liberty State College to any resident owner
14 of a motor vehicle. Resident owners may apply for the special license plate for any number of Class
15 A vehicles titled in the name of the applicant. The special registration plates shall be designed by
16 the commissioner. Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied
17 by payment of a special initial application fee of \$15, which is in addition to any other registration
18 or license fee required by this chapter. The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each
19 special registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All special fees shall
20 be collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

21 (35) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Harley Owners
22 Group as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
2 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
3 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the Harley
4 Owners Group.

5 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
6 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
7 Road Fund.

8 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
9 by this chapter.

10 (36) The division may issue special registration plates for persons retired from any branch
11 of the armed services of the United States as follows:

12 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any person who has retired after
13 service in any branch of the armed services of the United States, a special registration plate for any
14 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia designed by the
15 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to designate the recipient as retired from the armed
16 services of the United States.

17 (B) A special initial application fee of \$10 shall be charged in addition to all other fees
18 required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road
19 Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to exempt any registrants from any
20 other provision of this chapter.

21 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's retired military
22 license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

1 (37) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia,
2 letters or words demonstrating association with or support for Fairmont State College as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
4 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

5 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
6 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
7 Road Fund.

8 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
9 by this chapter.

10 (38) The division may issue special registration plates honoring the farmers of West Virginia
11 as follows:

12 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West Virginia may apply for a special
13 license plate depicting a farming scene or other apt reference to farming, whether in pictures or
14 words, at the discretion of the commissioner.

15 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall
16 be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

17 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
18 by this chapter.

19 (39) The division shall issue special registration plates promoting education as follows:

20 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate
21 displaying a children's education-related theme as prescribed and designated by the commissioner
22 and the State Superintendent of Schools.

1 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
2 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
3 Road Fund.

4 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
5 by this chapter.

6 (40) The division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association special
7 registration plates as follows:

8 (A) The division may issue a special registration plate for members of the 82nd Airborne
9 Division Association upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of one
10 hundred applicants. The insignia on the plate shall be designed by the commissioner.

11 (B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne
12 Division Association in good standing, as determined by the governing body of the organization, a
13 special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

14 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 for each special
15 license plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All initial application fees
16 collected by the division shall be deposited into the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in this
17 section may be construed to exempt the applicant from any other provision of this chapter.

18 (D) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's special 82nd
19 Airborne Division Association registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does
20 not renew the special registration plate.

21 (41) The division may issue special registration plates to survivors of wounds received in the
22 line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency.

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any member of a municipal
2 police department, sheriff's department, the State Police or the law-enforcement division of the
3 Division of Natural Resources who has been wounded in the line of duty and awarded a Purple Heart
4 in recognition thereof by the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association, the West Virginia Sheriffs'
5 Association, the West Virginia Troopers Association or the Division of Natural Resources a special
6 registration plate for one vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia
7 appropriately designed by the commissioner.

8 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from the registration
9 fees otherwise required by the provisions of this chapter.

10 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's special registration
11 plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the plate.

12 (D) Survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-
13 enforcement agency may obtain a license plate as described in this section for use on a passenger
14 vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10
15 to be deposited into the State Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for
16 the second plate.

17 (42) The division may issue a special registration plate for persons who are Native Americans
18 and residents of this state.

19 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant who is a Native
20 American resident of West Virginia a registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name of the
21 applicant with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to
22 designate the recipient as a Native American.

1 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to
2 all other fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in
3 the State Road Fund.

4 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
5 by this chapter.

6 (43) The division may issue special registration plates commemorating the centennial
7 anniversary of the creation of Davis and Elkins College as follows:

8 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
9 by the commissioner to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Davis and Elkins College for
10 any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

11 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall
12 be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund.

13 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
14 by this chapter.

15 (44) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and honoring breast cancer
16 survivors.

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
18 by the commissioner to recognize and honor breast cancer survivors, such plate to incorporate
19 somewhere in the design the "ink ribbon emblem" for any number of vehicles titled in the name of
20 the applicant.

21 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall
22 be deposited in the State Road Fund.

1 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
2 by this chapter.

3 (45) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Knights of Pythias
4 or Pythian Sisters as follows:

5 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
6 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
7 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the
8 Knights of Pythias or Pythian Sisters.

9 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
10 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
11 Road Fund.

12 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
13 by this chapter.

14 (46) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for whitewater rafting
15 enthusiasts as follows:

16 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
17 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

18 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
19 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
20 Road Fund.

21 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in
22 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

1 (47) The division may issue special registration plates to members of Lions International as
2 follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
4 by the commissioner in consultation with Lions International for any number of vehicles titled in the
5 name of the qualified applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient
6 proof of membership in Lions International.

7 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
8 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
9 Road Fund.

10 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
11 by this chapter.

12 (48) The division may issue special registration plates supporting organ donation as follows:

13 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
14 by the commissioner which recognizes, supports and honors organ and tissue donors and includes
15 the words "Donate Life".

16 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
17 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
18 Road Fund.

19 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
20 by this chapter.

21 (49) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the West Virginia Bar
22 Association as follows:

1 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
2 by the commissioner in consultation with the West Virginia Bar Association for any number of
3 vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate
4 shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the West Virginia Bar Association.

5 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
6 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
7 Road Fund.

8 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
9 by this chapter.

10 (50) The division may issue special registration plates bearing an appropriate logo, symbol
11 or insignia combined with the words "SHARE THE ROAD" designed to promote bicycling in the
12 state as follows:

13 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
14 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

15 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
16 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
17 Road Fund.

18 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
19 by this chapter.

20 (51) The division may issue special registration plates honoring coal miners as follows:

21 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate
22 depicting and displaying coal miners in mining activities as prescribed and designated by the

1 commissioner and the board of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority.

2 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
3 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
4 Road Fund.

5 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
6 by this chapter.

7 (52) The division may issue special registration plates to present and former Boy Scouts as
8 follows:

9 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
10 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
11 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of present or past
12 membership in the Boy Scouts as either a member or a leader.

13 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
14 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
15 Road Fund.

16 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
17 by this chapter.

18 (53) The division may issue special registration plates to present and former Boy Scouts who
19 have achieved Eagle Scout status as follows:

20 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
21 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
22 Persons desiring the special registration plate shall offer sufficient proof of achievement of Eagle

1 Scout status.

2 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
3 fees required by law. This special fee shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

4 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
5 by this chapter.

6 (54) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and memorializing victims
7 of domestic violence.

8 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
9 by the commissioner to recognize and memorialize victims of domestic violence, such plate to
10 incorporate somewhere in the design the "Purple ribbon emblem" for any number of vehicles titled
11 in the name of the applicant.

12 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall
13 be deposited in the State Road Fund.

14 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
15 by this chapter.

16 (55) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia,
17 letters or words demonstrating association with or support for the University of Charleston as
18 follows:

19 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
20 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

21 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
22 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State

1 Road Fund.

2 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
3 by this chapter.

4 (56) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Sons of the
5 American Revolution as follows:

6 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
7 by the commissioner in consultation with the Sons of the American Revolution for any number of
8 vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate
9 shall offer sufficient proof of membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

10 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
11 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
12 Road Fund.

13 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees required
14 by this chapter.

15 (57) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for horse enthusiasts as follows:

16 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
17 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

18 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
19 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
20 Road Fund.

21 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in
22 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

1 (58) The commissioner may issue special registration plates to the next of kin of a member
2 of any branch of the armed services of the United States killed in combat as follows:

3 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate for any
4 number of vehicles titled in the name of a qualified applicant depicting the Gold Star awarded by the
5 United States Department of Defense as prescribed and designated by the commissioner.

6 (B) The next of kin shall provide sufficient proof of receiving a Gold Star lapel button from
7 the United States Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 534, 89th Congress, and
8 criteria established by the United States Department of Defense, including criteria to determine next
9 of kin.

10 (C) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
11 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
12 Road Fund.

13 (D) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section are not applicable for the issuance of the
14 special license plates designated by this subdivision.

15 (59) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for retired or former Justices of
16 the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia as follows:

17 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
18 by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

19 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
20 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
21 Road Fund.

22 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in

1 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

2 (D) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section are not applicable for the issuance of the
3 special license plates designated by this subdivision.

4 (60) Upon approval by the commissioner of an appropriate application, and upon all
5 requirements of this subdivision being satisfied, the division may issue special registration plates
6 for class A and class G motor vehicles to members of an organization for which a special registration
7 plate has not been issued pursuant to any other subdivision in this subsection prior to January 1,
8 2010, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

9 (A) An organization desiring to create a special registration plate must comply with the
10 following requirements to be eligible to apply for the creation and issuance of a special registration
11 plate:

12 (i) The organization must be a nonprofit organization organized and existing under Section
13 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code and based, headquartered or have a chapter in
14 West Virginia;

15 (ii) The organization may be organized for, but may not be restricted to, social, civic, higher
16 education or entertainment purposes;

17 (iii) The organization may not be a political party and may not have been created or exist
18 primarily to promote a specific political or social belief, as determined by the commissioner in his
19 or her sole discretion;

20 (iv) The organization may not have as its primary purpose the promotion of any specific faith,
21 religion, religious belief or antireligion;

22 (v) The name of the organization may not be the name of a special product or brand name,

1 and may not be construed, as determined by the commissioner, as promoting a product or brand
2 name; and

3 (vi) The organization's lettering, logo, image or message to be placed on the registration
4 plate, if created, may not be obscene, offensive or objectionable as determined by the commissioner
5 in his or her sole discretion.

6 (B) Beginning July 1, 2010, an organization requesting the creation and issuance of a special
7 registration plate may make application with the division. The application shall include sufficient
8 information, as determined by the commissioner, to determine whether the special registration plate
9 requested and the organization making the application meet all of the requirements set forth in this
10 subdivision (60). The application shall also include a proposed design, including lettering, logo,
11 image or message to be placed on the registration plate. The commissioner shall notify the
12 organization of the commissioner's approval or disapproval of the application.

13 (C) (i) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates
14 authorized and approved pursuant to this subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section until the
15 organization which applied for the special registration plate has collected and submitted collectively
16 to the division applications completed by at least two hundred fifty persons and collectively
17 deposited with the division all fees necessary to cover the first year's basic registration, one-time
18 design and manufacturing costs and to cover the first year additional annual fee for all of the
19 applications submitted.

20 (ii) If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications and fees within six
21 months of the effective date of the approval of the application for the plate by the commissioner, the
22 plate will not be produced until a new application is submitted and is approved by the commissioner:

1 *Provided*, That an organization that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of
2 applications may not make a new application for a special plate until at least two years have passed
3 since the approval of the previous application of the organization.

4 (D) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$25 for each special license
5 plate in addition to all other fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division
6 and deposited in the State Road Fund.

7 (E) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in
8 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

9 (F) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed
10 by the commissioner in consultation with the organization for any number of vehicles titled in the
11 name of a qualified registration plate applicant. Persons desiring the special registration plate shall
12 offer sufficient proof of membership in the organization.

13 (G) The commissioner shall discontinue the issuance or renewal of the registration of any
14 special plate issued pursuant to this subdivision (60) if:

15 (i) The number of valid registrations for the specialty plate falls below two hundred fifty
16 plates for at least twelve consecutive months; or

17 (ii) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the requirements of this
18 subdivision.

19 (d) The minimum number of applications required prior to design and production of a special
20 license plate shall be as follows:

21 (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates for which
22 eligibility is based on membership or affiliation with a particular private organization until at least

1 one hundred persons complete an application and deposit with the organization a check to cover the
2 first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the first year
3 additional annual fee. If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications with
4 attached checks within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the
5 plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided*, That an
6 organization or group that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of applications may not
7 request reconsideration of a special plate until at least two years have passed since the effective date
8 of the original authorization: *Provided, however*, That the provisions of this subdivision (1) are not
9 applicable to the issuance of plates authorized pursuant to subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this
10 section.

11 (2) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates
12 authorized by this section for which membership or affiliation with a particular organization is not
13 required until at least two hundred fifty registrants complete an application and deposit a fee with
14 the division to cover the first year's basic registration fee, one-time design and manufacturing fee
15 and additional annual fee if applicable. If the commissioner fails to receive the required number of
16 applications within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the plate
17 will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided*, That if the minimum
18 number of applications is not satisfied within the six months of the effective date of the original
19 authorizing legislation, a person may not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least two
20 years have passed since the effective date of the original authorization.

21 (e) (1) Nothing in this section requires a charge for a free prisoner of war license plate or a
22 free recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor license plate for a vehicle titled in the name of

1 the qualified applicant as authorized by other provisions of this code.

2 (2) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's prisoner of war
3 license plate or Congressional Medal of Honor license plate until the surviving spouse dies,
4 remarries or does not renew the license plate.

5 (3) Qualified former prisoners of war and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor
6 may obtain a second special registration plate for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the
7 qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State
8 Road Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second special plate.

9 (f) The division may issue special ten-year registration plates as follows:

10 (1) The commissioner may issue or renew for a period of no more than ten years any
11 registration plate exempted from registration fees pursuant to any provision of this code or any
12 restricted use antique motor vehicle license plate authorized by section three-a, article ten of this
13 chapter: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person who has had
14 a special registration suspended for failure to maintain motor vehicle liability insurance as required
15 by section three, article two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or failure to pay personal property
16 taxes as required by section three-a of this article.

17 (2) An initial nonrefundable fee shall be charged for each special registration plate issued
18 pursuant to this subsection, which is the total amount of fees required by section fifteen, article ten
19 of this chapter, section three, article three of this chapter or section three-a, article ten of this chapter
20 for the period requested.

21 (g) The provisions of this section may not be construed to exempt any registrant from
22 maintaining motor vehicle liability insurance as required by section three, article two-a, chapter

1 seventeen-d of this code or from paying personal property taxes on any motor vehicle as required by
2 section three-a of this article.

3 (h) The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, issue a registration plate of reflectorized
4 material suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, together with
5 appropriate devices to be attached to the registration to indicate the year for which the vehicles have
6 been properly registered or the date of expiration of the registration. The design and expiration of
7 the plates shall be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall, whenever possible and
8 cost effective, implement the latest technology in the design, production and issuance of registration
9 plates, indices of registration renewal and vehicle ownership documents, including, but not limited
10 to, offering Internet renewal of vehicle registration and the use of bar codes for instant identification
11 of vehicles by scanning equipment to promote the efficient and effective coordination and
12 communication of data for improving highway safety, aiding law enforcement and enhancing
13 revenue collection.

14 (i) Any license plate issued or renewed pursuant to this chapter which is paid for by a check
15 that is returned for nonsufficient funds is void without further notice to the applicant. The applicant
16 may not reinstate the registration until the returned check is paid by the applicant in cash, money
17 order or certified check and all applicable fees assessed as a result thereof have been paid.

18 (j) The division shall include on the application form for all military veteran license plates
19 a section which requests the applicant to consent, or not, to receive information about veteran's
20 assistance programs provided, or endorsed, by the State of West Virginia. If the applicant consents
21 to receipt of such information, the division will place the applicant's name and address on a list. The
22 division shall keep an updated list and provide it to a designated contact in each government agency

1 upon request. In order to effectuate the purpose of this subsection, the commissioner shall propose
2 rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine
3 a of this code.

4 (k) For any military license plate in which the applicant must show proof of honorable
5 discharge, the division shall charge no more than \$20 for a new plate and \$15 for the renewal of that
6 plate.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide discounted license plates to military veterans and a process by which veterans can elect to receive information regarding government sponsored veteran's assistance programs through the vehicle registration process.

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