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### **House Bill 2814**

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NOTE**

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[BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE]

[Introduced March 7, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then  
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-14C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to  
2 amend and reenact §11-15-18b of said code; to amend and reenact §17A-2-13 of said  
3 code; to amend and reenact §17A-3-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §17A-4-1 and  
4 §17A-4-10 of said code; to amend and reenact §17A-4A-10 of said code; to amend and  
5 reenact §17A-7-2; to amend and reenact §17A-10-3, §17A-10-10 and §17A-10-11 of said  
6 code; to amend and reenact §17B-2-1, §17B-2-3a, §17B-2-5, §17B-2-6, §17B-2-8 and  
7 §17B-2-11 of said code; to amend and reenact §17C-5A-2a of the said code; and to amend  
8 and reenact §17D-2-2 of said code, all relating generally to increasing the funding for the  
9 State Road Fund by increasing Division of Motor Vehicle administrative fees and motor  
10 fuel excise taxes; changing the flat rate component of the motor fuel excise tax from twenty  
11 and one-half cents to thirty and one-half cents per invoiced gallon of motor fuel and on  
12 each gallon equivalent for alternative fuel; and to increasing the minimum average  
13 wholesale price of motor fuels for purposes of the five percent variable fuel tax as of  
14 specified date, deleting superfluous language relating to floorstocks, specifying effective  
15 date, increasing Division of Motor Vehicle administrative fees, increasing the fee for  
16 vehicle records and the certified record fee; increasing the registration fee for Class A  
17 motor vehicles, increasing the fee for the issuance and duplication of various documents  
18 by the division including titles, registration, plates and decals; increasing the fee for  
19 recording liens and releases; increasing the vehicle transfer fees; increasing the fee for  
20 issuance, duplication and renewal of a driver's license and identification card; requiring  
21 the payment of the fee for each attempt at the written and road skills test; increasing the  
22 fee for driving records; increase these administrative DMV fees every five years on  
23 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
24 Statistics most current Consumer Price Index; and specifying effective dates.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §11-14C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted; that §11-15-18b of said code be amended and reenacted; that §17A-2-13 of said code  
 3 be amended and reenacted; that §17A-3-4 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §17A-  
 4 4-1 and §17A-4-10 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §17A-4A-10 of said code be  
 5 amended and reenacted; that §17A-7-2 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §17A-10-  
 6 3, §17A-10-10 and §17A-10-11 of said code be amended and reenacted; that §17B-2-1, §17B-2-  
 7 3a, §17B-2-5, §17B-2-6, §17B-2-8 and §17B-2-11 of said code be amended and reenacted; that  
 8 §17C-5A-2a of said code be amended and reenacted; and that §17D-2-2 of said code be  
 9 amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 11. TAXATION

### ARTICLE 14C. MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX.

#### §11-14C-5. Taxes levied; rate.

1 (a) There is hereby levied on all motor fuel an excise tax composed of a flat rate equal to  
 2 \$.205 per invoiced gallon and, on alternative fuel, on each gallon equivalent: Provided, That on  
 3 and after July 1, 2017, the flat rate is equal to \$.305 per invoiced gallon of motor fuel and, on  
 4 alternative fuel, on each gallon equivalent plus a variable component comprised of:  
 5 (1) On motor fuel other than alternative fuel, either the tax imposed by section eighteen-  
 6 b, article fifteen of this chapter or the tax imposed under section thirteen-a, article fifteen-a of this  
 7 chapter, as applicable. ~~Provided, That the motor fuel excise tax shall take effect January 1, 2004:~~  
 8 ~~Provided, however, That the~~ The variable component shall be equal to five percent of the average  
 9 wholesale price of the motor fuel: ~~Provided further, That the average wholesale price shall be no~~  
 10 ~~less than \$.97 per invoiced gallon and is computed as hereinafter prescribed in this section: And~~  
 11 ~~provided further, That on and after January 1, 2010, the average wholesale price~~ Provided, That  
 12 on and after January 1, 2010, the average wholesale price shall be not less than \$2.34 per  
 13 invoiced gallon and is computed as hereinafter prescribed in this section: Provided, however, That

14 on and after July 1, 2017, the average wholesale price of motor fuel other than alternative fuel  
15 shall be not less than \$3.04 per invoiced gallon and is computed as hereinafter described in this  
16 section; and

17 (2) On alternative fuel, either the tax imposed by section eighteen-b, article fifteen of this  
18 chapter or the tax imposed under section thirteen-a, article fifteen-a of this chapter, as applicable.  
19 The variable component of the tax on alternative fuel ~~takes effect on January 1, 2014, with a~~  
20 ~~variable component~~ shall be equal to five percent of the average wholesale price of the alternative  
21 fuel.

22 (b) *Determination of average wholesale price.* –

23 (1) To simplify determining the average wholesale price of all motor fuel, the Tax  
24 Commissioner shall, effective with the period beginning the first day of the month of the effective  
25 date of the tax and each January 1 thereafter, determine the average wholesale price of motor  
26 fuel for each annual period on the basis of sales data gathered for the preceding period of July 1  
27 through October 31. Notification of the average wholesale price of motor fuel shall be given by  
28 the Tax Commissioner at least thirty days in advance of each January 1 by filing notice of the  
29 average wholesale price in the State Register and by other means as the Tax Commissioner  
30 considers reasonable.

31 (2) The "average wholesale price" means the single, statewide average per gallon  
32 wholesale price, rounded to the third decimal (thousandth of a cent), exclusive of state and federal  
33 excise taxes on each gallon of motor fuel or on each gallon equivalent of alternative fuel as  
34 determined by the Tax Commissioner from information furnished by suppliers, importers and  
35 distributors of motor fuel and alternative-fuel providers, alternative-fuel bulk end users and  
36 retailers of alternative fuel in this state, or other information regarding wholesale selling prices as  
37 the Tax Commissioner may gather or a combination of information. ~~In no event shall the average~~  
38 ~~wholesale price be determined to be less than \$.97 per gallon of motor fuel. For calendar year~~  
39 ~~2009, the average wholesale price of motor fuel shall not exceed the average wholesale price of~~

40 ~~motor fuel for calendar year 2008 as determined pursuant to the notice filed by the Tax~~  
41 ~~Commissioner with the Secretary of State on November 21, 2007, and published in the State~~  
42 ~~Register on November 30, 2007~~ On and after January 1, 2010, in no event shall the average  
43 wholesale price be determined to be less than \$2.34 per gallon of motor fuel. On and after January  
44 ~~1, 2011~~ July 1, 2017, the average wholesale price of motor fuel shall not be less than \$3.04 per  
45 invoiced gallon. After July 1, 2017, the average wholesale price shall not vary by more than ten  
46 percent from the average wholesale price of motor fuel as determined by the Tax Commissioner  
47 for the previous calendar year: Provided, That in no case shall average wholesale price of motor  
48 fuel be less than \$3.04 per invoiced gallon. Any limitation on the average wholesale price of motor  
49 fuel contained in this subsection shall not be applicable to alternative fuel.

50 (3) All actions of the Tax Commissioner in acquiring data necessary to establish and  
51 determine the average wholesale price of motor fuel, in providing notification of his or her  
52 determination prior to the effective date of a change in rate, and in establishing and determining  
53 the average wholesale price of motor fuel may be made by the Tax Commissioner without  
54 compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code.

55 (4) In an administrative or court proceeding brought to challenge the average wholesale  
56 price of motor fuel as determined by the Tax Commissioner, his or her determination is presumed  
57 to be correct and shall not be set aside unless it is clearly erroneous.

58 ~~(c) There is hereby levied a floorstocks tax on motor fuel held in storage outside the bulk~~  
59 ~~transfer/terminal system as of the close of the business day preceding January 1, 2004, and upon~~  
60 ~~which the tax levied by this section has not been paid. For the purposes of this section, "close of~~  
61 ~~the business day" means the time at which the last transaction has occurred for that day. The~~  
62 ~~floorstocks tax is payable by the person in possession of the motor fuel on January 1, 2004. The~~  
63 ~~amount of the floorstocks tax on motor fuel is equal to the sum of the tax rate specified in~~  
64 ~~subsection (a) of this section multiplied by the gallons in storage as of the close of the business~~  
65 ~~day preceding January 1, 2004.~~

66 ~~(1) Persons in possession of taxable motor fuel in storage outside the bulk~~  
67 ~~transfer/terminal system as of the close of the business day preceding January 1, 2004, shall:~~

68 ~~(A) Take an inventory at the close of the business day preceding January 1, 2004, to~~  
69 ~~determine the gallons in storage for purposes of determining the floorstocks tax;~~

70 ~~(B) Report no later than January 1, 2004 the gallons on forms provided by the~~  
71 ~~commissioner; and~~

72 ~~(C) Remit the tax levied under this section no later than January 1, 2004.~~

73 ~~(2) In the event the tax due is paid to the commissioner on or before January 1, 2004, the~~  
74 ~~person remitting the tax may deduct from their remittance five percent of the tax liability due.~~

75 ~~(3) In the event the tax due is paid to the commissioner after January 1, 2004, the person~~  
76 ~~remitting the tax shall pay, in addition to the tax, a penalty in the amount of five percent of the tax~~  
77 ~~liability due.~~

78 ~~(4) In determining the amount of floorstocks tax due under this section, the amount of~~  
79 ~~motor fuel in dead storage may be excluded. There are two methods for calculating the amount~~  
80 ~~of motor fuel in dead storage:~~

81 ~~(A) If the tank has a capacity of less than ten thousand gallons, the amount of motor fuel~~  
82 ~~in dead storage is two hundred gallons and if the tank has a capacity of ten thousand gallons or~~  
83 ~~more, the amount of motor fuel in dead storage is four hundred gallons; or~~

84 ~~(B) Use the manufacturer's conversion table for the tank after measuring the number of~~  
85 ~~inches between the bottom of the tank and the bottom of the mouth of the drainpipe: *Provided,*~~  
86 ~~That the distance between the bottom of the tank and the bottom of the mouth of the draw pipe is~~  
87 ~~presumed to be six inches.~~

88 ~~(d) (c) Every licensee who, on the effective date of any rate change, has in inventory any~~  
89 ~~motor fuel upon which the tax or any portion thereof has been previously paid shall take a physical~~  
90 ~~inventory and file a report thereof with the commissioner, in the format as required by the~~  
91 ~~commissioner, within thirty days after the effective date of the rate change, and shall pay to the~~

92 commissioner at the time of filing the report any additional tax due under the increased rate.

93       ~~(e)~~ (d) The Tax Commissioner shall determine by January 1, 2014, the gasoline gallon  
94 equivalent for each alternative fuel by filing a notice of the gasoline gallon equivalent in the State  
95 Register and by other means that the Tax Commissioner considers reasonable. The Tax  
96 Commissioner may redetermine the gasoline gallon equivalent for each alternative fuel by filing a  
97 notice of the gasoline gallon equivalent in the State Register at least thirty days in advance of  
98 January 1 for the next succeeding tax year. For purposes of this notice, the Tax Commissioner  
99 may adopt or incorporate by reference provisions of the National Institute of Standards and  
100 Technology, United States Department of Commerce, the Internal Revenue Code, United States  
101 Treasury Regulations, the Internal Revenue Service publications or guidelines or other  
102 publications or guidelines which may be useful in determining, setting or describing the gasoline  
103 gallon equivalent for each alternative fuel used as motor fuel.

## **ARTICLE 15. CONSUMERS SALES AND SERVICE TAX.**

### **§11-15-18b. Tax on motor fuel.**

1           (a) *General.* – All sales of motor fuel and alternative fuel subject to the flat rate of the tax  
2 imposed by section five, article fourteen-c of this chapter, are subject to the tax imposed by this  
3 article and comprises the variable component of the tax imposed by section five, article fourteen-  
4 c of this chapter and is collected and remitted at the time the tax imposed by said section is  
5 remitted. Sales of motor fuel and alternative fuel upon which the tax imposed by this article has  
6 been paid is not again taxed under the provisions of this article. This section means that all gallons  
7 of motor fuel and equivalent gallons of alternative fuel sold and delivered or delivered in this state  
8 are taxed one time.

9           (b) *Measure of tax.* – The measure of tax imposed by this article is as follows:

10           On sales of motor fuel, the average wholesale price as defined and determined in section  
11 five, article fourteen-c of this chapter. For purposes of maintaining revenue for highways, and  
12 recognizing that the tax imposed by this article is generally imposed on gross proceeds from sales

13 to ultimate consumers, whereas the tax on motor fuel herein is imposed on the average wholesale  
14 price of the motor fuel; in no case, for the purposes of taxation under this article, may the average  
15 wholesale price be determined to be less than \$.97 per gallon of motor fuel for all gallons of motor  
16 fuel sold during the reporting period, notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary.  
17 On and after January 1, 2010, for the purpose of taxation under this article, in no case may the  
18 average wholesale price be determined to be less than \$2.34 per gallon of motor fuel for all gallons  
19 of motor fuel sold during the reporting period notwithstanding any provision of this article to the  
20 contrary: Provided, That on and after July 1, 2017, in no case may the average wholesale price  
21 be determined to be less than \$3.04 per gallon of motor fuel for all gallons of motor fuel sold  
22 during the reporting period notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary. Any  
23 limitation on the average wholesale price of motor fuel contained in this subsection shall not be  
24 applicable to alternative fuel.

25 (2) On sales of alternative fuel, the average wholesale price as defined and determined in  
26 section five, article fourteen-c of this chapter.

27 (c) *Definitions.* – For purposes of this article, the terms “gasoline” and “special fuel” and  
28 “alternative fuel” are defined as provided in section two, article fourteen-c of this chapter. Other  
29 terms used in this section have the same meaning as when used in a similar context in said article.

30 (d) *Tax return and tax due.* –

31 (1) The tax imposed by this article on sales of motor fuel shall be paid by each taxpayer  
32 on or before the last day of the calendar month by check, bank draft, certified check or money  
33 order payable to the Tax Commissioner for the amount of tax due for the preceding month  
34 notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary. The commissioner may require all or  
35 certain taxpayers to file tax returns and payments electronically. The return required by the  
36 commissioner shall accompany the payment of tax. If no tax is due, the return required by the  
37 commissioner shall be completed and filed on or before the last day of the month.

38 (2) The tax due under this article comprising the variable component of the tax due under

39 article fourteen-c of this chapter on alternative fuel, is due and shall be collected and remitted at  
40 the time the tax imposed by section five, article fourteen-c of this chapter is due, collected and  
41 remitted.

42 (e) *Compliance.* – To facilitate ease of administration and compliance by taxpayers, the  
43 Tax Commissioner shall require persons liable for the tax imposed by this article on sales of motor  
44 fuel to file a combined return and make a combined payment of the tax due under this article on  
45 sales of motor fuel and the tax due under article fourteen-c of this chapter on motor fuel. In order  
46 to encourage use of a combined return each month and the making of a single payment each  
47 month for both taxes, the due date of the return and tax due under article fourteen-c of this chapter  
48 is the last day of each month notwithstanding any provision in said article to the contrary. The Tax  
49 Commissioner may prescribe reporting and payment requirements for tax due under this article  
50 on alternative fuel which accommodate the due dates and requirements prescribed in this article  
51 and article fourteen-c of this chapter, either under a separate return and payment or a combined  
52 return and payment, within the discretion of the Tax Commissioner.

53 (f) *Dedication of tax.* – All tax collected under the provisions of this section, after deducting  
54 the amount of refunds lawfully paid, shall be deposited in the road fund in the State Treasurer's  
55 office and used only for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of  
56 highways and payment of principal and interest on state bonds issued for highway purposes.  
57 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, tax collected on the sale of aviation fuel after  
58 deducting the amount of refunds lawfully paid shall be deposited in the State Treasurer's office  
59 and transferred to the state Aeronautical Commission to be used for the purpose of matching  
60 federal funds available for the reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public airports and airport  
61 runways.

62 (g) *Construction.* – This section does not tax a sale of motor fuel which this state is  
63 prohibited from taxing under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution or laws of the United  
64 States.

65 (h) *Effective date.* – The provisions of this section take effect on January 1, 2004. The  
 66 provisions of this section enacted during the 2007 legislative session take effect on January 1,  
 67 2008. The provisions of this section enacted during the 2013 regular legislative session take effect  
 68 on January 1, 2014. The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative  
 69 session take effect on July 1, 2017.

## **CHAPTER 17A. MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, AND ANTITHEFT.**

### **ARTICLE 2 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **§17A-2-13. Authority to administer oaths and certify copies of records; information as to registration.**

1 (a) Officers and employees of the division designated by the commissioner are, for the  
 2 purpose of administering the motor vehicle laws, authorized to administer oaths and acknowledge  
 3 signatures, and shall do so without fee.

4 (b) The commissioner and such officers of the division as he or she may designate are  
 5 hereby authorized to prepare under the seal of the division and deliver upon request in  
 6 conformance with article two-a of this chapter a certified copy of any record of the division,  
 7 charging a fee of ~~one dollar~~ \$1.50 for each document so authenticated, and every such certified  
 8 copy is admissible in any proceeding in any court in like manner as the original thereof. This fee  
 9 will be increased every five years on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department  
 10 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

11 (c) Subject to the provisions of article two-a of this chapter, the commissioner and such  
 12 officers of the division as he or she may designate may furnish the requested information to any  
 13 person making a written request for information regarding the registration of any vehicle at a fee  
 14 of ~~one dollar~~ \$1.50 for each registration about which information is furnished. This fee will be  
 15 increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of

16 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

17 (d) The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take

18 effect on July 1, 2017.

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF  
CERTIFICATES OF TITLES.**

**§17A-3-4. Application for certificate of title; fees; abolishing privilege tax; prohibition of  
issuance of certificate of title without compliance with consumer sales and service  
tax provisions; exceptions.**

1 (a) Certificates of registration of any vehicle or registration plates for the vehicle, whether  
2 original issues or duplicates, may not be issued or furnished by the Division of Motor Vehicles or  
3 any other officer or agent charged with the duty, unless the applicant already has received, or at  
4 the same time makes application for and is granted, an official certificate of title of the vehicle in  
5 either an electronic or paper format. The application shall be upon a blank form to be furnished  
6 by the Division of Motor Vehicles and shall contain a full description of the vehicle, which  
7 description shall contain a manufacturer's serial or identification number or other number as  
8 determined by the commissioner and any distinguishing marks, together with a statement of the  
9 applicant's title and of any liens or encumbrances upon the vehicle, the names and addresses of  
10 the holders of the liens and any other information as the Division of Motor Vehicles may require.  
11 The application shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant. A duly certified copy of the division's  
12 electronic record of a certificate of title is admissible in any civil, criminal or administrative  
13 proceeding in this state as evidence of ownership.

14 (b) A tax is imposed upon the privilege of effecting the certification of title of each vehicle  
15 in the amount equal to five percent of the value of the motor vehicle at the time of the certification,  
16 to be assessed as follows:

17 (1) If the vehicle is new, the actual purchase price or consideration to the purchaser of the

18 vehicle is the value of the vehicle. If the vehicle is a used or secondhand vehicle, the present  
19 market value at time of transfer or purchase is the value of the vehicle for the purposes of this  
20 section: *Provided*, That so much of the purchase price or consideration as is represented by the  
21 exchange of other vehicles on which the tax imposed by this section has been paid by the  
22 purchaser shall be deducted from the total actual price or consideration paid for the vehicle,  
23 whether the vehicle be new or secondhand. If the vehicle is acquired through gift or by any manner  
24 whatsoever, unless specifically exempted in this section, the present market value of the vehicle  
25 at the time of the gift or transfer is the value of the vehicle for the purposes of this section.

26 (2) No certificate of title for any vehicle may be issued to any applicant unless the applicant  
27 has paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles the tax imposed by this section which is five percent of  
28 the true and actual value of the vehicle whether the vehicle is acquired through purchase, by gift  
29 or by any other manner whatsoever, except gifts between husband and wife or between parents  
30 and children: *Provided*, That the husband or wife, or the parents or children, previously have paid  
31 the tax on the vehicles transferred to the State of West Virginia.

32 (3) The Division of Motor Vehicles may issue a certificate of registration and title to an  
33 applicant if the applicant provides sufficient proof to the Division of Motor Vehicles that the  
34 applicant has paid the taxes and fees required by this section to a motor vehicle dealership that  
35 has gone out of business or has filed bankruptcy proceedings in the United States bankruptcy  
36 court and the taxes and fees so required to be paid by the applicant have not been sent to the  
37 division by the motor vehicle dealership or have been impounded due to the bankruptcy  
38 proceedings: *Provided*, That the applicant makes an affidavit of the same and assigns all rights  
39 to claims for money the applicant may have against the motor vehicle dealership to the Division  
40 of Motor Vehicles.

41 (4) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue a certificate of registration and title to an  
42 applicant without payment of the tax imposed by this section if the applicant is a corporation,  
43 partnership or limited liability company transferring the vehicle to another corporation, partnership

44 or limited liability company when the entities involved in the transfer are members of the same  
45 controlled group and the transferring entity has previously paid the tax on the vehicle transferred.  
46 For the purposes of this section, control means ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock or equity  
47 interests possessing fifty percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of the  
48 stock of a corporation or equity interests of a partnership or limited liability company entitled to  
49 vote or ownership, directly or indirectly, of stock or equity interests possessing fifty percent or  
50 more of the value of the corporation, partnership or limited liability company.

51 (5) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to vehicles to be registered as Class  
52 H vehicles or Class M vehicles, as defined in section one, article ten of this chapter, which are  
53 used or to be used in interstate commerce. Nor does the tax imposed by this section apply to the  
54 titling of Class B vehicles registered at a gross weight of fifty-five thousand pounds or more, or to  
55 the titling of Class C semitrailers, full trailers, pole trailers and converter gear: *Provided*, That if an  
56 owner of a vehicle has previously titled the vehicle at a declared gross weight of fifty-five thousand  
57 pounds or more and the title was issued without the payment of the tax imposed by this section,  
58 then before the owner may obtain registration for the vehicle at a gross weight less than fifty-five  
59 thousand pounds, the owner shall surrender to the commissioner the exempted registration, the  
60 exempted certificate of title and pay the tax imposed by this section based upon the current market  
61 value of the vehicle: *Provided, however*, That notwithstanding the provisions of section nine,  
62 article fifteen, chapter eleven of this code, the exemption from tax under this section for Class B  
63 vehicles in excess of fifty-five thousand pounds and Class C semitrailers, full trailers, pole trailers  
64 and converter gear does not subject the sale or purchase of the vehicles to the consumers sales  
65 and service tax.

66 (6) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to titling of vehicles leased by residents  
67 of West Virginia. A tax is imposed upon the monthly payments for the lease of any motor vehicle  
68 leased by a resident of West Virginia, which tax is equal to five percent of the amount of the  
69 monthly payment, applied to each payment, and continuing for the entire term of the initial lease

70 period. The tax shall be remitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles on a monthly basis by the lessor  
71 of the vehicle.

72 (7) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to titling of vehicles by a registered  
73 dealer of this state for resale only, nor does the tax imposed by this section apply to titling of  
74 vehicles by this state or any political subdivision thereof, or by any volunteer fire department or  
75 duly chartered rescue or ambulance squad organized and incorporated under the laws of this  
76 state as a nonprofit corporation for protection of life or property. The total amount of revenue  
77 collected by reason of this tax shall be paid into the State Road Fund and expended by the  
78 Commissioner of Highways for matching federal funds allocated for West Virginia. In addition to  
79 the tax, there is a charge of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for each original certificate of title or duplicate certificate of  
80 title so issued: *Provided*, That this state or any political subdivision of this state or any volunteer  
81 fire department or duly chartered rescue squad is exempt from payment of the charge. The fee  
82 for each original certificate or duplicate certificate of title will be increased every five years on  
83 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
84 most current Consumer Price Index.

85 (8) The certificate is good for the life of the vehicle, so long as the vehicle is owned or held  
86 by the original holder of the certificate and need not be renewed annually, or any other time,  
87 except as provided in this section.

88 (9) If, by will or direct inheritance, a person becomes the owner of a motor vehicle and the  
89 tax imposed by this section previously has been paid to the Division of Motor Vehicles on that  
90 vehicle, he or she is not required to pay the tax.

91 (10) A person who has paid the tax imposed by this section is not required to pay the tax  
92 a second time for the same motor vehicle, but is required to pay a charge of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for the  
93 certificate of retitle of that motor vehicle, except that the tax shall be paid by the person when the  
94 title to the vehicle has been transferred either in this or another state from the person to another  
95 person and transferred back to the person. The fee for each original certificate of title will be

96 increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
97 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

98 (11) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to any passenger vehicle offered for  
99 rent in the normal course of business by a daily passenger rental car business as licensed under  
100 the provisions of article six-d of this chapter. For purposes of this section, a daily passenger car  
101 means a Class A motor vehicle having a gross weight of eight thousand pounds or less and is  
102 registered in this state or any other state. In lieu of the tax imposed by this section, there is hereby  
103 imposed a tax of not less than \$1 nor more than \$1.50 for each day or part of the rental period.  
104 The commissioner shall propose an emergency rule in accordance with the provisions of article  
105 three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to establish this tax.

106 (12) The tax imposed by this article does not apply to the titling of any vehicle purchased  
107 by a senior citizen service organization which is exempt from the payment of income taxes under  
108 the United States Internal Revenue Code, Title 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3) and which is recognized to  
109 be a bona fide senior citizen service organization by the senior services bureau existing under  
110 the provisions of article five, chapter sixteen of this code.

111 (13) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to the titling of any vehicle operated  
112 by an urban mass transit authority as defined in article twenty-seven, chapter eight of this code  
113 or a nonprofit entity exempt from federal and state income tax under the Internal Revenue Code  
114 and whose purpose is to provide mass transportation to the public at large designed for the  
115 transportation of persons and being operated for the transportation of persons in the public  
116 interest.

117 (14) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to the transfer of a title to a vehicle  
118 owned and titled in the name of a resident of this state if the applicant:

119 (A) Was not a resident of this state at the time the applicant purchased or otherwise  
120 acquired ownership of the vehicle,

121 (B) Presents evidence as the commissioner may require of having titled the vehicle in the

122 applicant's previous state of residence;

123 (C) Has relocated to this state and can present such evidence as the commissioner may  
124 require to show bona-fide residency in this state;

125 (D) Presents an affidavit, completed by the assessor of the applicant's county of residence,  
126 establishing that the vehicle has been properly reported and is on record in the office of the  
127 assessor as personal property; and

128 (E) Makes application to the division for a title and registration, and pays all other fees  
129 required by this chapter within thirty days of establishing residency in this state as prescribed in  
130 subsection (a), section one-a of this article: *Provided*, That a period of amnesty of three months  
131 be established by the commissioner during the calendar year 2007, during which time any  
132 resident of this state, having titled his or her vehicle in a previous state of residence, may pay  
133 without penalty any fees required by this chapter and transfer the title of his or her vehicle in  
134 accordance with the provisions of this section.

135 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary, the owners of trailers,  
136 semitrailers, recreational vehicles and other vehicles not subject to the certificate of title tax prior  
137 to the enactment of this chapter are subject to the privilege tax imposed by this section: *Provided*,  
138 That the certification of title of any recreational vehicle owned by the applicant on June 30, 1989,  
139 is not subject to the tax imposed by this section: *Provided, however*, That mobile homes,  
140 manufactured homes, modular homes and similar nonmotive propelled vehicles, except  
141 recreational vehicles and house trailers, susceptible of being moved upon the highways but  
142 primarily designed for habitation and occupancy, rather than for transporting persons or property,  
143 or any vehicle operated on a nonprofit basis and used exclusively for the transportation of  
144 intellectually disabled or physically disabled children when the application for certificate of  
145 registration for the vehicle is accompanied by an affidavit stating that the vehicle will be operated  
146 on a nonprofit basis and used exclusively for the transportation of intellectually disabled and  
147 physically disabled children, are not subject to the tax imposed by this section, but are taxable

148 under the provisions of articles fifteen and fifteen-a, chapter eleven of this code.

149 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2008, the tax imposed under this subsection (b) of this section is  
150 abolished and after that date no certificate of title for any motor vehicle may be issued to any  
151 applicant unless the applicant provides sufficient proof to the Division of Motor Vehicles that the  
152 applicant has paid the fees required by this article and the tax imposed under section three-b,  
153 article fifteen, chapter eleven of this code.

154 (e) Any person making any affidavit required under any provision of this section who  
155 knowingly swears falsely, or any person who counsels, advises, aids or abets another in the  
156 commission of false swearing, or any person, while acting as an agent of the Division of Motor  
157 Vehicles, issues a vehicle registration without first collecting the fees and taxes or fails to perform  
158 any other duty required by this chapter or chapter eleven of this code to be performed before a  
159 vehicle registration is issued is, on the first offense, guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction  
160 thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500 or be confined in jail for a period not to exceed six  
161 months or, in the discretion of the court, both fined and confined. For a second or any subsequent  
162 conviction within five years, that person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
163 fined not more than \$5,000 or be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one  
164 year nor more than five years or, in the discretion of the court, both fined and imprisoned.

165 (f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, any person in the military stationed  
166 outside West Virginia or his or her dependents who possess a motor vehicle with valid registration  
167 are exempt from the provisions of this article for a period of nine months from the date the person  
168 returns to this state or the date his or her dependent returns to this state, whichever is later.

169 (g) No person may transfer, purchase or sell a factory-built home without a certificate of  
170 title issued by the commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this article:

171 (1) Any person who fails to provide a certificate of title upon the transfer, purchase or sale  
172 of a factory-built home is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall for the first  
173 offense be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or be confined in jail for not more than

174 one year, or both fined and confined. For each subsequent offense, the fine may be increased to  
175 not more than \$2,000, with confinement in jail not more than one year, or both fined and confined.

176 (2) Failure of the seller to transfer a certificate of title upon sale or transfer of the factory-  
177 built home gives rise to a cause of action, upon prosecution thereof, and allows for the recovery  
178 of damages, costs and reasonable attorney fees.

179 (3) This subsection does not apply to a mobile or manufactured home for which a  
180 certificate of title has been canceled pursuant to section twelve-b of this article.

181 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, whenever reference is made to  
182 the application for or issuance of any title or the recordation or release of any lien, it includes the  
183 application, transmission, recordation, transfer of ownership and storage of information in an  
184 electronic format.

185 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this section, nothing herein shall be  
186 considered to include modular homes as defined in subsection (i), section two, article fifteen,  
187 chapter thirty-seven of this code and built to the state Building Code as established by legislative  
188 rules promulgated by the State Fire Commission pursuant to section five-b, article three, chapter  
189 twenty-nine of this code.

190 (j) The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take  
191 effect on July 1, 2017.

#### **ARTICLE 4. TRANSFERS OF TITLE OR INTEREST.**

##### **§17A-4-1. Registration expires on transfer by owner; transfer, surrender or retention of plates.**

1 Whenever the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns his or her title, or interest  
2 thereto, the registration of such vehicle shall expire: *Provided*, That such owner, if he or she has  
3 made application to the department within sixty days from the date of purchase to have said  
4 registration plates transferred to be used on another vehicle owned by said owner, may then

5 operate the other vehicle for a period of sixty days, but in no event longer than sixty days from  
6 the date of original transfer. Upon such transfer, it shall be the duty of the original owner to retain  
7 the registration plates issued therefor and to immediately notify the commissioner of such transfer  
8 upon such form as may be provided therefor and to deliver to him or her the certificate of  
9 registration, whereupon the commissioner shall, upon the payment of a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50, issue a  
10 new certificate showing the use to be made of such plates. The fee for each new certificate will  
11 be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
12 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. Such plates may then be  
13 used by such owner on another vehicle of the same class as the vehicle for which they were  
14 originally issued if such other vehicle does not require a greater license fee than was required for  
15 such original vehicle. If such other vehicle requires a greater license fee than such original vehicle,  
16 then such plates may be used by paying such difference to the commissioner. When such transfer  
17 of ownership is made to a licensed dealer in motor vehicles it shall be the duty of such dealer to  
18 immediately execute notification of transfer, in triplicate, and to have this notification properly  
19 signed by the owner making the transfer. The dealer shall immediately forward to the department  
20 the original copy of the notification of transfer. One copy of the notification of transfer shall be  
21 given to the owner and one shall be retained by the dealer. The owner shall immediately send to  
22 the department the transfer fee of \$5 with any additional fee that may be required under the terms  
23 of this chapter. The owner's copy, properly signed by the dealer, will be the owner's identification  
24 until he or she receives a new registration card from the department.

25         The owner of a set of registration plates may surrender them to the commissioner together  
26 with the registration card and, upon the payment of \$5 as an exchange fee and upon the payment  
27 of such additional fees as are necessary to equalize the value of the plates surrendered with the  
28 value of registration plates desired, receive in exchange a set of plates and registration card for  
29 a vehicle of a different class.

**§17A-4-10. Salvage certificates for certain wrecked or damaged vehicles; fee; penalty.**

1 (a) In the event a motor vehicle is determined to be a total loss or otherwise designated  
2 as totaled by an insurance company or insurer, and upon payment of a total loss claim to an  
3 insured or claimant owner for the purchase of the vehicle, the insurance company or the insurer,  
4 as a condition of the payment, shall require the owner to surrender the certificate of title: *Provided,*  
5 That an insured or claimant owner may choose to retain physical possession and ownership of a  
6 total loss vehicle. If the vehicle owner chooses to retain the vehicle and the vehicle has not been  
7 determined to be a cosmetic total loss in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, the  
8 insurance company or insurer shall also require the owner to surrender the vehicle registration  
9 certificate. The term 'total loss' means a motor vehicle which has sustained damages equivalent  
10 to seventy-five percent or more of the market value as determined by a nationally accepted used  
11 car value guide or meets the definition of a flood-damaged vehicle as defined in this section.

12 (b) The insurance company or insurer shall, prior to the payment of the total loss claim,  
13 determine if the vehicle is repairable, cosmetically damaged or nonrepairable. Within ten days of  
14 payment of the total loss claim, the insurance company or insurer shall surrender the certificate  
15 of title, a copy of the claim settlement, a completed application on a form prescribed by the  
16 commissioner and the registration certificate if the owner has chosen to keep the vehicle to the  
17 Division of Motor Vehicles.

18 (c) If the insurance company or insurer determines that the vehicle is repairable, the  
19 division shall issue a salvage certificate, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, in the name  
20 of the insurance company, the insurer or the vehicle owner if the owner has chosen to retain the  
21 vehicle. The certificate shall contain, on the reverse, spaces for one successive assignment  
22 before a new certificate at an additional fee is required. Upon the sale of the vehicle, the insurance  
23 company, insurer or vehicle owner if the owner has chosen to retain the vehicle, shall complete  
24 the assignment of ownership on the salvage certificate and deliver it to the purchaser. The vehicle  
25 may not be titled or registered for operation on the streets or highways of this state unless there  
26 is compliance with subsection (g) of this section. The division shall charge a fee of ~~\$15~~ \$22.50 for

27 each salvage title issued. The fee for each salvage title will be increased every five years on  
28 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
29 most current Consumer Price Index.

30 (d) If the insurance company or insurer determines the damage to a totaled vehicle is  
31 exclusively cosmetic and no repair is necessary in order to legally and safely operate the motor  
32 vehicle on the roads and highways of this state, the insurance company or insurer shall, upon  
33 payment of the claim, submit the certificate of title to the division. Neither the insurance company  
34 nor the division may require the vehicle owner to surrender the registration certificate in the event  
35 of a cosmetic total loss settlement.

36 (1) The division shall, without further inspection, issue a title branded "cosmetic total loss"  
37 to the insured or claimant owner if the insured or claimant owner wishes to retain possession of  
38 the vehicle, in lieu of a salvage certificate. The division shall charge a fee of ~~\$15~~ \$22.50 for each  
39 cosmetic total loss title issued. The terms "cosmetically damaged" and "cosmetic total loss" do  
40 not include any vehicle which has been damaged by flood or fire. The designation "cosmetic total  
41 loss" on a title may not be removed. The fee for each salvage title will be increased every five  
42 years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
43 Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

44 (2) If the insured or claimant owner elects not to take possession of the vehicle and the  
45 insurance company or insurer retains possession, the division shall issue a cosmetic total loss  
46 salvage certificate to the insurance company or insurer. The division shall charge a fee of ~~\$15~~  
47 \$22.50 for each cosmetic total loss salvage certificate issued. The fee for each cosmetic total loss  
48 salvage certificate will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on  
49 the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.  
50 The division shall, upon surrender of the cosmetic total loss salvage certificate issued under the  
51 provisions of this paragraph and payment of the five percent motor vehicle sales tax on the fair  
52 market value of the vehicle as determined by the commissioner, issue a title branded "cosmetic

53 total loss” without further inspection.

54 (e) If the insurance company or insurer determines that the damage to a totaled vehicle  
55 renders it nonrepairable, incapable of safe operation for use on roads and highways and as having  
56 no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap, the insurance company or vehicle owner  
57 shall, in the manner prescribed by the commissioner, request that the division issue a  
58 nonrepairable motor vehicle certificate in lieu of a salvage certificate. The division shall issue a  
59 nonrepairable motor vehicle certificate without charge.

60 (f) Any owner who scraps, compresses, dismantles or destroys a vehicle without further  
61 transfer or sale for which a certificate of title, nonrepairable motor vehicle certificate or salvage  
62 certificate has been issued shall, within forty-five days, surrender the certificate of title,  
63 nonrepairable motor vehicle certificate or salvage certificate to the division for cancellation.

64 (g) Any person who purchases or acquires a vehicle as salvage or scrap, to be dismantled,  
65 compressed or destroyed, shall, within forty-five days, surrender to the division the certificate of  
66 title, nonrepairable motor vehicle certificate, salvage certificate or a statement of cancellation  
67 signed by the seller, on a form prescribed by the commissioner. Subsequent purchasers of  
68 salvage or scrap are not required to comply with the notification requirement.

69 (h) If the motor vehicle is a ‘reconstructed vehicle’ as defined in this section or section one,  
70 article one of this chapter, it may not be titled or registered for operation until it has been inspected  
71 by an official state inspection station and by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Following an approved  
72 inspection, an application for a new certificate of title may be submitted to the division. The  
73 applicant is required to retain all receipts for component parts, equipment and materials used in  
74 the reconstruction. The salvage certificate shall also be surrendered to the division before a  
75 certificate of title may be issued with the appropriate brand.

76 (i) The owner or title holder of a motor vehicle titled in this state which has previously been  
77 branded in this state or another state as salvage, reconstructed, cosmetic total loss, cosmetic  
78 total loss salvage, flood, fire, an equivalent term under another state's laws or a term consistent

79 with the intent of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System established pursuant to 49  
80 U. S. C. §30502 shall, upon becoming aware of the brand, apply for and receive a title from the  
81 Division of Motor Vehicles on which the brand “reconstructed”, “salvage”, “cosmetic total loss”,  
82 “cosmetic total loss salvage”, “flood”, “fire” or other brand is shown. The division shall charge a  
83 fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for each title so issued. The fee for each reconstructed, salvage or cosmetic total  
84 loss title issued will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the  
85 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

86 (j) If application is made for title to a motor vehicle, the title to which has previously been  
87 branded reconstructed, salvage, cosmetic total loss, cosmetic total loss salvage, flood, fire or  
88 other brand by the Division of Motor Vehicles under this section and said application is  
89 accompanied by a title from another state which does not carry the brand, the division shall, before  
90 issuing the title, affix the brand “reconstructed”, “cosmetic total loss”, “cosmetic total loss salvage”,  
91 “flood”, “fire” or other brand to the title. The motor vehicle sales tax paid on a motor vehicle titled  
92 as reconstructed, cosmetic total loss, flood, fire or other brand under the provisions of this section  
93 shall be based on fifty percent of the fair market value of the vehicle as determined by a nationally  
94 accepted used car value guide to be used by the commissioner.

95 (k) The division shall charge a fee of ~~\$15~~ \$22.50 for the issuance of each salvage  
96 certificate or cosmetic total loss salvage certificate but shall not require the payment of the five  
97 percent motor vehicle sales tax. The fee for each salvage certificate or cosmetic total loss salvage  
98 certificate will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S.  
99 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. However,  
100 upon application for a certificate of title for a reconstructed, cosmetic total loss, flood or fire  
101 damaged vehicle or other brand, the division shall collect the five percent privilege tax on the fair  
102 market value of the vehicle as determined by the commissioner unless the applicant is otherwise  
103 exempt from the payment of such privilege tax. A wrecker/dismantler/rebuilder, licensed by the  
104 division, is exempt from the payment of the five percent privilege tax upon titling a reconstructed

105 vehicle. The division shall collect a fee of \$35 per vehicle for inspections of reconstructed vehicles.  
106 These fees shall be deposited in a special fund created in the State Treasurer's Office and may  
107 be expended by the division to carry out the provisions of this article: *Provided*, That on and after  
108 July 1, 2007, any balance in the special fund and all fees collected pursuant to this section shall  
109 be deposited in the State Road Fund. Licensed wreckers/dismantlers/rebuilders may charge a  
110 fee not to exceed \$25 for all vehicles owned by private rebuilders which are inspected at the place  
111 of business of a wrecker/dismantler/rebuilder.

112 (l) As used in this section:

113 (1) "Reconstructed vehicle" means the vehicle was totaled under the provisions of this  
114 section or by the provisions of another state or jurisdiction and has been rebuilt in accordance  
115 with the provisions of this section or in accordance with the provisions of another state or  
116 jurisdiction or meets the provisions of subsection (m), section one, article one of this chapter.

117 (2) "Flood-damaged vehicle" means that the vehicle was submerged in water to the extent  
118 that water entered the passenger or trunk compartment.

119 (3) "Other brand" means a brand consistent with the intent of the National Motor Vehicle  
120 Title Information System established pursuant to 49 U. S. C. §30502 and rules promulgated by  
121 the United States Department of Justice to alert consumers, motor vehicle dealers or the  
122 insurance industry of the history of a vehicle.

123 (m) Every vehicle owner shall comply with the branding requirements for a totaled vehicle  
124 whether or not the owner receives an insurance claim settlement for a totaled vehicle.

125 (n) A certificate of title issued by the division for a reconstructed vehicle shall contain  
126 markings in bold print on the face of the title that it is for a reconstructed, flood- or fire damaged  
127 vehicle.

128 (o) Any person who knowingly provides false or fraudulent information to the division that  
129 is required by this section in an application for a title, a cosmetic total loss title, a reconstructed  
130 vehicle title or a salvage certificate or who knowingly fails to disclose to the division information

131 required by this section to be included in the application or who otherwise violates the provisions  
132 of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall for each incident be  
133 fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,500, or imprisoned in jail for not more than one year,  
134 or both fined and imprisoned.

135 (p) The provisions of this article enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take  
136 effect on July 1, 2017.

#### **ARTICLE 4A. LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES ON VEHICLES TO BE SHOWN ON CERTIFICATE OF TITLE; NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND PURCHASES.**

##### **§17A-4A-10. Fee for recording and release of lien.**

1 The Division of Motor Vehicles is hereby authorized to charge a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for the  
2 recording of any lien either in an electronic or paper format created by the voluntary act of the  
3 owner and endorsing it upon the title certificate issued pursuant to this article. The fee for each  
4 lien recording will be increased every five years on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the fifth year based on the  
5 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. and  
6 the The Division of Motor Vehicles is hereby authorized to charge a fee of ~~five-dollars~~ \$7.50 for  
7 recordation of any release of a lien created by the voluntary act of the owner. The fee for each  
8 recording of a lien release will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year  
9 based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price  
10 Index: Provided, That no charge shall be made for the endorsement and recordation of liens or  
11 releases thereof as provided under section nine of this article. No charge shall be made for the  
12 issuance of a title to the owner of a vehicle upon the receipt of an electronic release of the final  
13 lien.

14 The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take  
15 effect on July 1, 2017.

#### **ARTICLE 7. SPECIAL STICKERS.**

**§17A-7-2. Operation of motor vehicles by dealers or other persons under special stickers; application and fees; expiration.**

1 (a) A member of the West Virginia State Police may at any detachment office, upon  
2 application therefor on a form prescribed by the commissioner, issue to a licensed dealer or any  
3 other person other than those specified in section one of this article, a paper sticker or decal to  
4 be affixed to the left side of the rear window of a motor vehicle or to the left rear of a vehicle which  
5 is not self-propelled. Such sticker or decal shall be of a size to be designated by the commissioner  
6 and shall be serially numbered and shall have provision thereon to indicate the date of issuance  
7 thereof.

8 (b) A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 per sticker shall be collected. The fee for each sticker will be  
9 increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
10 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. The fees will be and  
11 dispersed as follows: ~~\$2.50~~ Half shall be deposited in the State Road Fund and ~~\$2.50~~ half shall  
12 be deposited in the special revenue account within the Division of Highways for the maintenance  
13 of the West Virginia Welcome Centers and rest areas along interstate highways in this state.

14 (c) Such sticker or decal shall be valid for forty-eight hours after its issuance for the  
15 operation of a vehicle, whether under its own power or while being towed, one time only over the  
16 streets or highways, and upon being once affixed to a vehicle shall become invalid for subsequent  
17 use on that or any other vehicle.

18 (d) The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take  
19 effect on July 1, 2017.

**ARTICLE 10. CLASSIFICATION OF VEHICLES FOR PURPOSES OF  
REGISTRATION.**

**§17A-10-3. Registration fees for vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires.**

1 The following registration fees for the classes indicated shall be paid to the division for the

2 registration of vehicles subject to registration under this chapter when equipped with pneumatic  
3 tires:

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

5 (1) *Class A.* -- The registration fee for motor vehicles of this class is ~~\$28.50~~ \$50. The fee  
6 for each registration fee will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based  
7 on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index:  
8 *Provided*, That the registration fees and any other fees required by this chapter for Class A  
9 vehicles under the optional biennial staggered registration system shall be multiplied by two and  
10 paid biennially to the division.

11 No license fee may be charged for vehicles owned by churches, or by trustees for  
12 churches, which are regularly used for transporting parishioners to and from church services.  
13 Notwithstanding the exemption, the certificate of registration and license plates shall be obtained  
14 the same as other cards and plates under this article.

15 (2) *Class B.* -- The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

16 (A) For declared gross weights of ten thousand one pounds to sixteen thousand pounds -  
17 - \$28 plus \$5 for each one thousand pounds or fraction of one thousand pounds that the gross  
18 weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds ten thousand pounds.

19 (B) For declared gross weights greater than sixteen thousand pounds, but less than fifty-  
20 five thousand pounds -- \$78.50 plus \$10 for each one thousand or fraction of one thousand  
21 pounds that the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds sixteen thousand  
22 pounds.

23 (C) For declared gross weights of fifty-five thousand pounds or more -- \$737.50 plus  
24 \$15.75 for each one thousand pounds or fraction of one thousand pounds that the gross weight  
25 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds fifty-five thousand pounds.

26 (3) *Class G.* -- The registration fee for each motorcycle or parking enforcement vehicle is  
27 \$8: *Provided*, That the registration fee and any other fees required by this chapter for Class G

28 vehicles shall be for at least one year and under an optional biennial registration system the  
29 annual fee shall be multiplied by two and paid biennially to the division.

30 (4) *Class H.* -- The registration fee for all vehicles for this class operating entirely within  
31 the state is \$5; and for vehicles engaged in interstate transportation of persons, the registration  
32 fee is the amount of the fees provided by this section for Class B, reduced by the amount that the  
33 mileage of the vehicles operated in states other than West Virginia bears to the total mileage  
34 operated by the vehicles in all states under a formula to be established by the Division of Motor  
35 Vehicles.

36 (5) *Class J.* -- The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is \$85. Ambulances  
37 and hearses used exclusively as ambulances and hearses are exempt from the special fees set  
38 forth in this section.

39 (6) *Class M.* -- The registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$17.50.

40 (7) *Class X.* -- The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

41 (A) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of eight thousand one pounds to sixteen  
42 thousand pounds -- \$30.

43 (B) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of sixteen thousand one pounds to twenty-  
44 two thousand pounds -- \$60.

45 (C) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of twenty-two thousand one pounds to  
46 twenty-eight thousand pounds -- \$90.

47 (D) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of twenty-eight thousand one pounds to  
48 thirty-four thousand pounds -- \$115.

49 (E) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of thirty-four thousand one pounds to forty-  
50 four thousand pounds -- \$160.

51 (F) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of forty-four thousand one pounds to fifty-  
52 four thousand pounds -- \$205.

53 (G) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of fifty-four thousand one pounds to eighty

54 thousand pounds -- \$250: *Provided*, That the provisions of subsection (a), section eight, article  
55 one, chapter seventeen-e of this code do not apply if the vehicle exceeds sixty-four thousand  
56 pounds and is a truck tractor or road tractor.

57 (b) Registration fees for the following classes shall be paid to the division for a maximum  
58 period of three years, or portion of a year based on the number of years remaining in the three-  
59 year period designated by the commissioner:

60 (1) *Class R.* -- The annual registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$12.

61 (2) *Class T.* -- The annual registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$8.

62 (c) The fees paid to the division for a multiyear registration provided by this chapter shall  
63 be the same as the annual registration fee established by this section and any other fee required  
64 by this chapter multiplied by the number of years for which the registration is issued.

65 (d) The registration fee for all Class C vehicles is \$50. All Class C trailers shall be  
66 registered for the duration of the owner's interest in the trailer and do not expire until either sold  
67 or otherwise permanently removed from the service of the owner: *Provided*, That a registrant  
68 may transfer a Class C registration plate from a trailer owned less than thirty days to another  
69 Class C trailer titled in the name of the registrant upon payment of the transfer fee prescribed in  
70 section ten of this article.

**§17A-10-10. Fees upon transfer of registration and issuance of certificates of title.**

1 A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 shall be paid for a transfer of registration by an owner from one vehicle  
2 to another vehicle of the same class or for surrender of registration of one vehicle in exchange for  
3 registration of a vehicle of a different class in addition to the payment of any difference in fees as  
4 provided in section one, article four of this chapter. The fee will be increased every five years on  
5 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
6 most current Consumer Price Index.

7 A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 shall be paid for the transfer of registration from a deceased person to  
8 his or her legal heir or legatee as provided in section five, article four of this chapter. The fee will

9 be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
 10 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

11 A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 shall be paid for the issuance of a certificate of title. The fee will be  
 12 increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
 13 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

**§17A-10-11. Fees for duplicate registration plates, registration cards and certificates of title.**

1 A fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 shall be paid for the issuance of duplicate or substitute registration  
 2 plates, registration cards or certificates of title. The fee will be increased every five years on  
 3 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 4 most current Consumer Price Index. The provisions of this article enacted during the 2017 regular  
 5 legislative session take effect on July 1, 2017.

## **CHAPTER 17B. MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES**

### **ARTICLE 2 ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.**

**§17B-2-1. Drivers must be licensed; types of licenses; licensees need not obtain local government license; motorcycle driver license; identification cards.**

1 (a) (1) No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted, may drive a motor vehicle  
 2 upon a street or highway in this state or upon a subdivision street used by the public generally  
 3 unless the person has a valid driver's license issued pursuant to this code for the type or class of  
 4 vehicle being driven.

5 (2) Any person licensed to operate a motor vehicle pursuant to this code may exercise the  
 6 privilege thereby granted in the manner provided in this code and, except as otherwise provided  
 7 by law, is not required to obtain any other license to exercise the privilege by a county, municipality  
 8 or local board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations.

9 (b) The division, upon issuing a driver's license, shall indicate on the license the type or

1 general class or classes of vehicles the licensee may operate in accordance with this code, federal  
2 law or rule. Licenses shall be issued in different colors for those drivers under age eighteen,  
3 those drivers age eighteen to twenty-one and adult drivers. The commissioner is authorized to  
4 select and assign colors to the licenses of the various age groups.

5 (c) The following drivers license classifications are hereby established:

6 (1) A Class A, B or C license shall be issued to those persons eighteen years of age or  
7 older with two years of driving experience who have qualified for the commercial driver's license  
8 established by chapter seventeen-e of this code and the federal Motor Carrier Safety and  
9 Improvement Act of 1999 and subsequent rules and have paid the required fee.

10 (2) A Class D license shall be issued to those persons eighteen years and older with one  
11 year of driving experience who operate motor vehicles other than those types of vehicles which  
12 require the operator to be licensed under the provisions of chapter seventeen-e of this code and  
13 federal law and rule and whose primary function or employment is the transportation of persons  
14 or property for compensation or wages and have paid the required fee. For the purpose of  
15 regulating the operation of motor vehicles, wherever the term "chauffeur's license" is used in this  
16 code, it means the Class A, B, C or D license described in this section or chapter seventeen-e of  
17 this code or federal law or rule: *Provided*, That anyone not required to be licensed under the  
18 provisions of chapter seventeen-e of this code and federal law or rule and who operates a motor  
19 vehicle registered or required to be registered as a Class A motor vehicle, as that term is defined  
20 in section one, article ten, chapter seventeen-a of this code, with a gross vehicle weight rating of  
21 less than eight thousand one pounds, is not required to obtain a Class D license.

22 (3) A Class E license shall be issued to persons who have qualified for a driver's license  
23 under the provisions of this chapter and who are not required to obtain a Class A, B, C or D license  
24 and who have paid the required fee. The Class E license may be endorsed under the provisions  
25 of section seven-b of this article for motorcycle operation. The Class E or G license for a person  
26 under the age of eighteen may also be endorsed with the appropriate graduated driver license

1 level in accordance with the provisions of section three-a of this article.

2 (4) A Class F license shall be issued to those persons who successfully complete the  
3 motorcycle examination procedure provided by this chapter and have paid the required fee but  
4 who do not possess a Class A, B, C, D or E driver's license.

5 (5) A Class G driver's license or instruction permit shall be issued to a person using bioptic  
6 telescopic lenses who has successfully completed an approved driver training program and  
7 complied with all other requirements of article two-b of this chapter.

8 (d) All licenses issued under this section may contain information designating the licensee  
9 as a diabetic, organ donor, as deaf or hard-of-hearing, as having any other handicap or disability  
10 or that the licensee is an honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the Armed Forces of the  
11 United States, according to criteria established by the division, if the licensee requests this  
12 information on the license. An honorably discharged veteran may be issued a replacement license  
13 without charge if the request is made before the expiration date of the current license and the only  
14 purpose for receiving the replacement license is to get the veterans designation placed on the  
15 license.

16 (e) No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted, may drive a motorcycle on  
17 a street or highway in this state or on a subdivision street used by the public generally unless the  
18 person has a valid motorcycle license, a valid license which has been endorsed under section  
19 seven-b of this article for motorcycle operation or a valid motorcycle instruction permit.

20 (f) (1) An identification card may be issued to a person who:

21 (A) Is a resident of this state in accordance with the provisions of section one-a, article  
22 three, chapter seventeen-a of this code;

23 (B) Has reached the age of two years or, for good cause shown, under the age of two.

24 (C) Has paid the required fee of ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.75 per year. The fee will be increased every five  
25 years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
26 Statistics most current Consumer Price Index: Provided, That no fees or charges, including

1 renewal fees, are required if the applicant:

2 (i) Is sixty-five years or older;

3 (ii) Is legally blind; or

4 (iii) Will be at least eighteen years of age at the next general, municipal or special election

5 and intends to use this identification card as a form of identification for voting; and

6 (D) Presents a birth certificate or other proof of age and identity acceptable to the division

7 with a completed application on a form furnished by the division.

8 (2) The identification card shall contain the same information as a driver's license except

9 that the identification card shall be clearly marked as an identification card. The division may

10 issue an identification card with less information to persons under the age of sixteen. An

11 identification card may be renewed annually on application and payment of the fee required by

12 this section.

13 (A) Every identification card issued to a person who has attained his or her twenty-first

14 birthday expires on the licensee's birthday in those years in which the licensee's age is evenly

15 divisible by five. Except as provided in paragraph (B) of this subdivision, no identification card

16 may be issued for less than three years or for more than seven years and expires on the licensee's

17 birthday in those years in which the licensee's age is evenly divisible by five.

18 (B) Every identification card issued to a person who has not attained his or her twenty-first

19 birthday expires thirty days after the licensee's twenty-first birthday.

20 (C) Every identification card issued to persons under the age of sixteen shall be issued for

21 a period of two years and expire on the last day of the month in which the applicant's birthday

22 occurs.

23 (3) The division may issue an identification card to an applicant whose privilege to operate

24 a motor vehicle has been refused, canceled, suspended or revoked under the provisions of this

25 code.

26 (g) For any person over the age of fifty years who wishes to obtain a driver's license or

1 identification card under the provisions of this section:

2 (1) A raised seal or stamp on the birth certificate or certified copy of the birth certificate is  
3 not required if the issuing jurisdiction does not require one; and

4 (2) If documents are lacking to prove all changes of name in the history of any such  
5 applicant, applicants renewing a driver's license or identification card under the provisions of this  
6 section may complete a Name Variance Approval Document as instituted by the division, so long  
7 as they can provide:

8 (A) Proof of identity;

9 (B) Proof of residency; and

10 (C) A valid Social Security number.

11 (3) The division may waive any documents necessary to prove a match between names,  
12 so long as the division determines the person is not attempting to:

13 (A) Change his or her identity;

14 (B) Assume another person's identity; or

15 (C) Commit a fraud.

16 (h) A person over the age of seventy years, or who is on Social Security disability, who  
17 wishes to obtain or renew a driver's license or identification card under the provisions of this  
18 section, may not be required to furnish a copy of a birth certificate if they can provide:

19 (1) Proof of identity;

20 (2) Proof of residency;

21 (3) A valid Social Security number; and

22 (4) One of the following identifying items:

23 (A) A form of military identification, including a DD214 or equivalent;

24 (B) A U.S. passport, whether valid or expired;

25 (C) School records, including a yearbook;

26 (D) A religious document, that in the judgment of the Division is sufficient and authentic to

1 reflect that the person was born in the United States; or

2 (E) An expired driver's license, employment identification card, or other reliable  
3 identification card with a recognizable photograph of the person.

4 (i) Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
5 conviction, shall be fined not more than \$500 and, upon a second or subsequent conviction, shall  
6 be fined not more than \$500 or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and  
7 confined.

**§17B-2-3a. Graduated driver's license.**

1 (a) Any person under the age of eighteen may not operate a motor vehicle unless he or  
2 she has obtained a graduated driver's license in accordance with the three-level graduated  
3 driver's license system described in the following provisions.

4 (b) Any person under the age of twenty-one, regardless of class or level of licensure, who  
5 operates a motor vehicle with any measurable alcohol in his or her system is subject to the  
6 provisions of section two, article five, chapter seventeen-c of this code and section two, article  
7 five-a of said chapter. Any person under the age of eighteen, regardless of class or licensure  
8 level, is subject to the mandatory school attendance and satisfactory academic progress  
9 provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen of this code.

10 (c) *Level one instruction permit.* - An applicant who is fifteen years or older meeting all  
11 other requirements prescribed in this code may be issued a level one instruction permit.

12 (1) *Eligibility.* - The division shall not issue a level one instruction permit unless the  
13 applicant:

14 (A) Presents a completed application, as prescribed by the provisions of section six of this  
15 article, and which is accompanied by a writing, duly acknowledged, consenting to the issuance of  
16 the graduated driver's license and executed by a parent or guardian entitled to custody of the  
17 applicant;

18 (B) Presents a certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state or other governmental

19 entity responsible for vital records unexpired, or a valid passport issued by the United States  
20 government evidencing that the applicant meets the minimum age requirement and is of verifiable  
21 identity;

22 (C) Passes the vision and written knowledge examination and completes the driving under  
23 the influence awareness program, as prescribed in section seven of this article;

24 (D) Presents a driver's eligibility certificate or otherwise shows compliance with the  
25 provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen of this code; and

26 (E) Pays a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50, which shall permit the applicant ~~two~~ one attempt ~~attempts~~ at  
27 the written knowledge test. The fee will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth  
28 year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer  
29 Price Index.

30 (2) *Terms and conditions of instruction permit.* - A level one instruction permit issued under  
31 the provisions of this section is valid until thirty days after the date the applicant attains the age of  
32 eighteen and is not renewable. However, any permit holder who allows his or her permit to expire  
33 prior to successfully passing the road skills portion of the driver examination, and who has not  
34 committed any offense which requires the suspension, revocation or cancellation of the instruction  
35 permit, may reapply for a new instruction permit under the provisions of section six of this article.  
36 The division shall immediately revoke the permit upon receipt of a second conviction for a moving  
37 violation of traffic regulations and laws of the road or violation of the terms and conditions of a  
38 level one instruction permit, which convictions have become final unless a greater penalty is  
39 required by this section or any other provision of this code. Any person whose instruction permit  
40 has been revoked is disqualified from retesting for a period of ninety days. However, after the  
41 expiration of ninety days, the person may retest if otherwise eligible. In addition to all other  
42 provisions of this code for which a driver's license may be restricted, suspended, revoked or  
43 canceled, the holder of a level one instruction permit may only operate a motor vehicle under the  
44 following conditions:

45 (A) Under the direct supervision of a licensed driver, twenty-one years of age or older, or  
46 a driver's education or driving school instructor who is acting in an official capacity as an instructor,  
47 who is fully alert and unimpaired, and the only other occupant of the front seat. The vehicle may  
48 be operated with no more than two additional passengers, unless the passengers are family  
49 members;

50 (B) Between the hours of five a.m. and ten p.m.;

51 (C) All occupants must use safety belts in accordance with the provisions of section forty-  
52 nine, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of this code;

53 (D) Without any measurable blood alcohol content, in accordance with the provisions of  
54 subsection (h), section two, article five, chapter seventeen-c of this code; and

55 (E) Maintains current school enrollment and is making satisfactory academic progress or  
56 otherwise shows compliance with the provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen  
57 of this code.

58 (F) A holder of a level one instruction permit who is under the age of eighteen years shall  
59 be prohibited from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, unless  
60 the use of the wireless communication device is for contacting a 9-1-1 system. A person violating  
61 the provisions of this paragraph is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall for  
62 the first offense be fined \$25; for a second offense be fined \$50; and for a third or subsequent  
63 offense be fined \$75.

64 (d) *Level two intermediate driver's license.* - An applicant sixteen years of age or older,  
65 meeting all other requirements of the code, may be issued a level two intermediate driver's  
66 license.

67 (1) *Eligibility.* - The division shall not issue a level two intermediate driver's license unless  
68 the applicant:

69 (A) Presents a completed application as prescribed in section six of this article;

70 (B) Has held the level one instruction permit conviction-free for the one hundred eighty

71 days immediately preceding the date of application for a level two intermediate license;

72 (C) Has completed either a driver's education course approved by the state Department  
73 of Education or fifty hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, including a minimum of ten  
74 hours of nighttime driving, certified by a parent or legal guardian or other responsible adult over  
75 the age of twenty-one as indicated on the form prescribed by the division: *Provided*, That nothing  
76 in this paragraph shall be construed to require any school or any county board of education to  
77 provide any particular number of driver's education courses or to provide driver's education  
78 training to any student;

79 (D) Presents a driver's eligibility certificate or otherwise shows compliance with the  
80 provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen of this code;

81 (E) Passes the road skills examination as prescribed by section seven of this article; and

82 (F) Pays a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for one attempt. The fee will be increased every five years on  
83 September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
84 most current Consumer Price Index.

85 (2) *Terms and conditions of a level two intermediate driver's license.* - A level two  
86 intermediate driver's license issued under the provisions of this section shall expire thirty days  
87 after the applicant attains the age of eighteen, or until the licensee qualifies for a level three full  
88 Class E license, whichever comes first. In addition to all other provisions of this code for which a  
89 driver's license may be restricted, suspended, revoked or canceled, the holder of a level two  
90 intermediate driver's license may only operate a motor vehicle under the following conditions:

91 (A) Unsupervised between the hours of five a.m. and ten p.m.;

92 (B) Only under the direct supervision of a licensed driver, age twenty-one years or older,  
93 between the hours of ten p.m. and five a.m. except when the licensee is going to or returning  
94 from:

95 (i) Lawful employment;

96 (ii) A school-sanctioned activity;

97 (iii) A religious event; or

98 (iv) An emergency situation that requires the licensee to operate a motor vehicle to prevent  
99 bodily injury or death of another;

100 (C) All occupants shall use safety belts in accordance with the provisions of section forty-  
101 nine, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of this code;

102 (D) For the first six months after issuance of a level two intermediate driver's license, the  
103 licensee may not operate a motor vehicle carrying any passengers less than twenty years old,  
104 unless these passengers are family members of the licensee; for the second six months after  
105 issuance of a level two intermediate driver's license, the licensee may not operate a motor vehicle  
106 carrying more than one passenger less than twenty years old, unless these passengers are family  
107 members of the licensee;

108 (E) Without any measurable blood alcohol content in accordance with the provisions of  
109 subsection (h), section two, article five, chapter seventeen-c of this code;

110 (F) Maintains current school enrollment and is making satisfactory academic progress or  
111 otherwise shows compliance with the provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen  
112 of this code;

113 (G) A holder of a level two intermediate driver's license who is under the age of eighteen  
114 years shall be prohibited from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor  
115 vehicle, unless the use of the wireless communication device is for contacting a 9-1-1 system. A  
116 person violating the provisions of this paragraph is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction  
117 thereof, shall for the first offense be fined \$25; for a second offense be fined \$50; and for a third  
118 or subsequent offense be fined \$75.

119 (H) Upon the first conviction for a moving traffic violation or a violation of paragraph (A),  
120 (B), (C), (D) or (G), subdivision (1), subsection (d) of this section of the terms and conditions of a  
121 level two intermediate driver's license, the licensee shall enroll in an approved driver improvement  
122 program unless a greater penalty is required by this section or by any other provision of this code;

123 and

124 At the discretion of the commissioner, completion of an approved driver improvement  
125 program may be used to negate the effect of a minor traffic violation as defined by the  
126 commissioner against the one-year conviction-free driving criteria for early eligibility for a level  
127 three driver's license and may also negate the effect of one minor traffic violation for purposes of  
128 avoiding a second conviction under paragraph (l) of this subdivision; and

129 (l) Upon the second conviction for a moving traffic violation or a violation of the terms and  
130 conditions of the level two intermediate driver's license, the licensee's privilege to operate a motor  
131 vehicle shall be revoked or suspended for the applicable statutory period or until the licensee's  
132 eighteenth birthday, whichever is longer unless a greater penalty is required by this section or any  
133 other provision of this code. Any person whose driver's license has been revoked as a level two  
134 intermediate driver, upon reaching the age of eighteen years and if otherwise eligible may reapply  
135 for an instruction permit, then a driver's license in accordance with the provisions of sections five,  
136 six and seven of this article.

137 (e) *Level three, full Class E license.* - The level three license is valid until thirty days after  
138 the date the licensee attains his or her twenty-first birthday. Unless otherwise provided in this  
139 section or any other section of this code, the holder of a level three full Class E license is subject  
140 to the same terms and conditions as the holder of a regular Class E driver's license.

141 A level two intermediate licensee whose privilege to operate a motor vehicle has not been  
142 suspended, revoked or otherwise canceled and who meets all other requirements of the code  
143 may be issued a level three full Class E license without further examination or road skills testing  
144 if the licensee:

145 (1) Has reached the age of seventeen years; and

146 (A) Presents a completed application as prescribed by the provisions of section six of this  
147 article;

148 (B) Has held the level two intermediate license conviction free for the twelve-month period

149 immediately preceding the date of the application;

150 (C) Has completed any driver improvement program required under paragraph (G),  
151 subdivision (2), subsection (d) of this section; and

152 (D) Pays a fee of \$2.50 for each year the license is valid. An additional fee of ~~\$.50~~ shall  
153 be collected to be deposited in the Combined Voter Registration and Driver's Licensing Fund  
154 established in section twelve, article two, chapter three of this code;

155 (E) Presents a driver's eligibility certificate or otherwise shows compliance with the  
156 provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen of this code; or

157 (2) Reaches the age of eighteen years; and

158 (A) Presents a completed application as prescribed by the provisions of section six of this  
159 article; and

160 (B) Pays a fee of ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.75 for each year the license is valid. The fee will be increased  
161 every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau  
162 of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. An additional fee of \$.50 shall be collected  
163 to be deposited in the Combined Voter Registration and Driver's Licensing Fund established in  
164 section twelve, article two, chapter three of this code.

165 (f) A person violating the provisions of the terms and conditions of a level one or level  
166 two intermediate driver's license is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall  
167 for the first offense be fined \$25; for a second offense be fined \$50; and for a third or  
168 subsequent offense be fined \$75.

**§17B-2-5. Qualifications, issuance and fee for instruction permits.**

1 (a) Any person who is at least fifteen years of age may apply to the division for an  
2 instruction permit. However, any person who has not attained the age of eighteen shall comply  
3 with the provisions of section three-a of this article. The division may, in its discretion, after the  
4 applicant has successfully passed all parts of the examination other than the road skills test, issue  
5 to the applicant an instruction permit which entitles the applicant while having the permit in his or

6 her immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways when accompanied  
7 by a licensed driver of at least twenty-one years of age, a driver's education or driving school  
8 instructor that is acting in an official capacity as an instructor, who is alert and unimpaired or a  
9 certified division license examiner acting in an official capacity as an examiner, who is occupying  
10 a seat beside the driver.

11 (1) Any instruction permit issued to a person under the age of eighteen years shall be  
12 issued in accordance with the provisions of section three-a of this article.

13 (2) Any permit issued to a person who has reached the age of eighteen years is valid for  
14 a period of ninety days. The fee for the instruction permit is ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for one attempt. The fee will  
15 be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of  
16 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

17 (b) Any person sixteen years of age or older may apply to the division for a motorcycle  
18 instruction permit. Any person under the age of eighteen must have first completed the  
19 requirements for a level two intermediate driver's license or a Class E driver's license before being  
20 eligible for a motorcycle instruction permit.

21 The division may, in its discretion, after the applicant has successfully passed all parts of  
22 the motorcycle examination other than the driving test, and presented documentation of  
23 compliance with the provisions of section eleven, article eight, chapter eighteen of this code, if  
24 applicable, issue to the applicant an instruction permit which entitles the applicant while having  
25 the permit in his or her immediate possession to drive a motorcycle upon the public streets or  
26 highways for a period of ninety days, during the daylight hours between sunrise and sunset only.  
27 No holder of a motorcycle instruction permit shall operate a motorcycle while carrying any  
28 passenger on the vehicle.

29 A motorcycle instruction permit is not renewable, but a qualified applicant may apply for a  
30 new permit. The fee for a motorcycle instruction permit is \$5, which shall be paid into a special  
31 fund in the State Treasury known as the motor vehicle fees fund.

**§17B-2-6. Application for license or instruction permit; fee to accompany application.**

1 (a) Every application for an instruction permit or for a driver's license shall be made upon  
2 a form furnished by the division. Every application shall be accompanied by the proper fee and  
3 payment of the fee entitles an applicant under the age of eighteen to not more than two attempts  
4 at the written test or not more than ~~three~~ one attempt ~~attempts~~ to pass the road skills test. An  
5 applicant age eighteen years or older is entitled to not more than two attempts at the written test  
6 or not more than three attempts to pass the road skills test within a period of ninety days from the  
7 date of issuance of the instruction permit. An applicant who fails either the written test or the road  
8 skills test may not be tested twice within a period of one week.

9 (b) Any applicant who has not been previously licensed must hold an instruction permit for  
10 a minimum of thirty days. For the purposes of this section, the term "previously licensed" means  
11 an applicant who has obtained at least a level two graduated license or junior driver's license  
12 issued under the provisions of this article or has obtained an equal or greater level of licensure if  
13 previously licensed in another state.

14 (c) Every application for an instruction permit shall state the full legal name, date of birth,  
15 sex, and residence address of the applicant and briefly describe the applicant. the application  
16 shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been a licensed driver and, if so, when, and by  
17 what state or country and whether his or her license has ever been suspended or revoked within  
18 five years of the date of application, or whether an application has ever been refused and, if so,  
19 the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation or refusal. The application will indicate  
20 whether the applicant desires a notation on the driver's license indicating that the applicant is an  
21 organ donor, in accordance with article one-b of this chapter, is diabetic, deaf, or hard of hearing,  
22 has any other handicap or disability, or is an honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the  
23 Armed Forces of the United States, and such other pertinent information as the commissioner  
24 may require.

**§17B-2-8. Issuance and contents of licenses; fees.**

1 (a) The division shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying  
2 therefor a driver's license, which shall indicate the type or general class or classes of vehicle or  
3 vehicles the licensee may operate in accordance with this chapter or chapter seventeen-e of this  
4 code, or motorcycle-only license. Each license shall contain a coded number assigned to the  
5 licensee, the full legal name, date of birth, residence address, a brief description and a color  
6 photograph of the licensee and either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon  
7 which the signature of the licensee is written with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the  
8 license. No license is valid until it has been so signed by the licensee.

9 (b) A driver's license which is valid for operation of a motorcycle shall contain a motorcycle  
10 endorsement. A driver's license which is valid for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle  
11 shall be issued in accordance with chapter seventeen-e of this code.

12 (c) The division shall use such process or processes in the issuance of licenses that will,  
13 insofar as possible, prevent any identity theft, alteration, counterfeiting, duplication, reproduction,  
14 forging or modification of, or the superimposition of a photograph on, the license.

15 (d) The fee for the issuance of a Class E driver's license is ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.75 per year for each  
16 year the license is valid. The fee will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth  
17 year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer  
18 Price Index. The fee for issuance of a Class D driver's license is \$6.25 per year for each year the  
19 license is valid. An additional fee of \$0.50 shall be collected from the applicant at the time of  
20 original issuance or each renewal and the additional fee shall be deposited in the Combined Voter  
21 Registration and Driver's Licensing Fund established pursuant to the provisions of section twelve,  
22 article two, chapter three of this code. The additional fee for adding a motorcycle endorsement to  
23 a driver's license is \$1 per year for each year the license is issued.

24 (e) The fee for issuance of a motorcycle-only license is \$2.50 for each year for which the  
25 motorcycle license is valid. The fees for the motorcycle endorsement or motorcycle-only license  
26 shall be paid into a special fund in the State Treasury known as the Motorcycle Safety Fund as

27 established in section seven, article one-d of this chapter.

28 (f) The fee for the issuance of either the level one or level two graduated driver's license  
29 as prescribed in section three-a of this article is \$5.

30 (g) The fee for issuance of a federally compliant driver's license or identification card for  
31 federal use is \$10 in addition to any other fee required by this chapter. Any fees collected under  
32 the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fees Fund established  
33 in accordance with section twenty-one, article two, chapter seventeen-a of this code.

34 (h) The division may use an address on the face of the license other than the applicant's  
35 address of residence if:

36 (1) The applicant has a physical address or location that is not recognized by the post  
37 office for the purpose of receiving mail;

38 (2) The applicant is enrolled in a state address confidentiality program or the alcohol test  
39 and lock program;

40 (3) The applicant's address is entitled to be suppressed under a state or federal law or  
41 suppressed by a court order; or

42 (4) At the discretion of the commissioner, the applicant's address may be suppressed to  
43 provide security for classes of applicants such as law-enforcement officials, protected witnesses  
44 and members of the state and federal judicial systems.

45 (i) Notwithstanding any provision in this article to the contrary, a valid military identification  
46 card with an expiration date issued by the United States Department of Defense for active duty,  
47 reserve or retired military personnel containing a digitized photo and the holder's full legal name  
48 may be used to establish current full legal name and legal presence. The commissioner may at  
49 his or her discretion expand the use of military identification cards for other uses as permitted  
50 under this code or federal rule.

#### **§17B-2-11. Duplicate permits and licenses.**

1 In the event that an instruction permit or driver's license issued under the provisions of this

2 chapter is lost or destroyed, or if the information contained on the license has changed, the person  
 3 to whom the permit or license was issued may upon making proper application and upon payment  
 4 of a fee of ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 obtain a duplicate thereof upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the division  
 5 that the permit or license has been lost or destroyed. The fee will be increased every five years  
 6 on September 1 of the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
 7 Statistics most current Consumer Price Index. The provisions of this article enacted during the  
 8 2017 regular legislative session take effect on July 1, 2017.

## **CHAPTER 17C. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND LAWS OF THE ROAD.**

### **ARTICLE 5A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR DRUGS.**

#### **§17C-5A-2a. Assessment of costs; special account created.**

1 The Division of Motor Vehicles is hereby authorized and required to assess witness costs  
 2 at the same rate as witness fees in circuit court and a docket fee of ~~\$10~~ \$15 for each hearing  
 3 request against any person filing a request for a hearing under section two of this article who fails  
 4 to appear, fails to have said order rescinded or fails to have said order modified to a lesser period  
 5 of revocation. The fee will be increased every five years on September 1 of the fifth year based  
 6 on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index.

7 All fees and costs collected hereunder shall be paid into a special revenue account in the  
 8 State Treasury: *Provided*, That on and after July 1, 2007, any unexpended balance remaining in  
 9 the special revolving fund shall be transferred to the Motor Vehicle Fees Fund created under the  
 10 provisions of section twenty-one, article two, chapter seventeen-a of this code and all further fees  
 11 and costs collected shall be deposited in that fund. A portion of the funds in the Motor Vehicle  
 12 Fees Fund may be used to pay or reimburse the various law-enforcement agencies at the same  
 13 rate as witnesses in circuit court for the travel and appearance of its officers before the

14 commissioner or authorized deputy or agent pursuant to a hearing request under the provisions  
15 of this article. The department shall authorize payment to the law-enforcement agencies from said  
16 account as the fees for a particular hearing request are received from the person against whom  
17 the costs were assessed. The department shall authorize transfer to an appropriate agency  
18 account from the Motor Vehicle Fees Fund to pay costs of registered and certified mailings and  
19 other expenses associated with the conduct of hearings under this article as the docket fee for a  
20 particular hearing request is received from the person against whom the costs were assessed.

21 In the event judicial review results in said order being rescinded or modified to a lesser  
22 period of revocation the costs assessed shall be discharged.

23 The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative session take  
24 effect on July 1, 2017.

## **CHAPTER 17D. MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY LAW.**

### **ARTICLE 2. ADMINISTRATION OF LAW.**

#### **§17D-2-2. Commissioner to furnish abstract of operating record; fee for abstract.**

1 The commissioner shall upon request and subject to the provisions of article two-a,  
2 chapter seventeen-a of this code, furnish any person a certified abstract of the operating record  
3 of any person subject to the provisions of this chapter, and if there is no record of any conviction  
4 of the person of a violation of any law relating to the operation of a motor vehicle or of any injury  
5 or damage caused by the person, the commissioner shall so certify. The commissioner shall  
6 collect ~~\$5~~ \$7.50 for each abstract. The fee will be increased every five years on September 1 of  
7 the fifth year based on the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current  
8 Consumer Price Index. The provisions of this section enacted during the 2017 regular legislative  
9 session take effect on July 1, 2017.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the State Road Fund by increasing  
Division of Motor Vehicle administrative fees and motor fuel excise taxes, including

titling, registration, driver licensing, identification card issuance and abstract fees. Every five years, the DMV fees will increase based on the U.S. Department of Labor Consumer Price Index. This bill increases the flat rate component of the motor fuel excise tax from 20.5 cents to 30.5 cents per invoice gallon of motor fuel and upon each gallon equivalent of alternative fuel. This bill also increases the minimum average wholesale sales price of motor fuel from \$2.34 to \$3.04. All changes are effective July 1, 2017.

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