

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**Senate Bill 589**

SENATORS RUCKER, ARVON, CLEMENTS, CLINE,  
DRENNAN, GAUNCH, MAYNARD, SMITH, SYPOLT, AND  
PLYMALE, *original sponsors*

[Passed March 7, 2018; in effect 90 days from passage]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §17A-10-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to the issuance of personalized license plates for antique motor vehicles.

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

**ARTICLE 10. FEES FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING, ETC.**

**§17A-10-3a. Special registration of antique motor vehicles and motorcycles; definition, registration, and use of classic motor vehicles and classic motorcycles; customized antique plates.**

1 (a) The annual registration fee for any antique motor vehicle or motorcycle as defined in  
2 this section is \$2. As used in this section:

3 “Antique motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is  
4 owned solely as a collector’s item.

5 “Antique motorcycle” means any motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is owned  
6 solely as a collector’s item.

7 “Classic motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is  
8 registered pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.

9 “Classic motorcycle” means a motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is registered  
10 pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.

11 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, antique motor vehicles or motorcycles  
12 may not be used for general transportation but may only be used for:

13 (1) Participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;

14 (2) The purpose of testing their operation, obtaining repairs or maintenance, and  
15 transportation to and from events as described in §17A-10-3a(b)(1) of this code; and

16 (3) Recreational purposes over weekends, beginning on Friday at 12:00 p. m., and ending  
17 on the following Monday at 12:00 p. m., and on holidays: *Provided*, That a classic motor vehicle  
18 or a classic motorcycle as defined in this section may be registered under the applicable class at  
19 the applicable registration fee set forth in §17A-10-3 of this code and may be used for general  
20 transportation.

21 (c) A West Virginia motor vehicle or motorcycle displaying license plates of the same year  
22 of issue as the model year of the antique motor vehicle or motorcycle, as authorized in this section,  
23 may be used for general transportation purposes if the following conditions are met:

24 (1) The license plate's physical condition has been inspected and approved by the Division  
25 of Motor Vehicles;

26 (2) The license plate is registered to the specific motor vehicle or motorcycle by the  
27 Division of Motor Vehicles;

28 (3) The owner of the motor vehicle or motorcycle annually registers the motor vehicle or  
29 motorcycle and pays an annual registration fee for the motor vehicle or motorcycle equal to that  
30 charged to obtain regular state license plates;

31 (4) The motor vehicle or motorcycle passes an annual safety inspection; and

32 (5) The motor vehicle or motorcycle displays a sticker attached to the license plate, issued  
33 by the division, indicating that the motor vehicle or motorcycle may be used for general  
34 transportation.

35 (d) If more than one request is made for license plates having the same number, the  
36 division shall accept only the first application.

37 (e) The commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the  
38 provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code as may be necessary or convenient for the carrying  
39 out of the provisions of this section.

40 (f) Upon appropriate application, together with a special annual fee of \$40, which is in  
41 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, there shall be issued to the owner of an antique  
42 motor vehicle a special registration plate for an antique motor vehicle titled in the name of the  
43 qualified applicant, bearing a combination of letters or numbers requested by that applicant,  
44 subject to the approval by the commissioner, and with the maximum number of letters or numbers  
45 to be determined by the commissioner.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

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*Chairman, House Committee*

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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