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- 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.
- (a) The annual registration fee for any antique motor vehicle or motorcycle as defined in this section is \$2. As used in this section:
- "Antique motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is owned solely as a collector's item.
- "Antique motorcycle" means any motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is owned solely as a collector's item.
- "Classic motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is more than 25 years old and is registered pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.
- "Classic motorcycle" means a motorcycle which is more than 25 years old and is registered pursuant to §17A-10-3 of this code and is used for general transportation.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, antique motor vehicles or motorcycles may not be used for general transportation but may only be used for:
  - (1) Participation in club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events;
- (2) The purpose of testing their operation, obtaining repairs or maintenance, and transportation to and from events as described in §17A-10-3a(b)(1) of this code; and
- (3) Recreational purposes over weekends, beginning on Friday at 12:00 p. m., and ending on the following Monday at 12:00 p. m., and on holidays: *Provided*, That a classic motor vehicle or a classic motorcycle as defined in this section may be registered under the applicable class at the applicable registration fee set forth in §17A-10-3 of this code and may be used for general transportation.

- (c) A West Virginia motor vehicle or motorcycle displaying license plates of the same year of issue as the model year of the antique motor vehicle or motorcycle, as authorized in this section, may be used for general transportation purposes if the following conditions are met:
- (1) The license plate's physical condition has been inspected and approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles;
- (2) The license plate is registered to the specific motor vehicle or motorcycle by the Division of Motor Vehicles;
- (3) The owner of the motor vehicle or motorcycle annually registers the motor vehicle or motorcycle and pays an annual registration fee for the motor vehicle or motorcycle equal to that charged to obtain regular state license plates;
  - (4) The motor vehicle or motorcycle passes an annual safety inspection; and
- (5) The motor vehicle or motorcycle displays a sticker attached to the license plate, issued by the division, indicating that the motor vehicle or motorcycle may be used for general transportation.
- (d) If more than one request is made for license plates having the same number, the division shall accept only the first application.
- (e) The commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code as may be necessary or convenient for the carrying out of the provisions of this section.
- (f) Upon appropriate application, together with a special annual fee of \$40, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, there shall be issued to the owner of an antique motor vehicle a special registration plate for an antique motor vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant, bearing a combination of letters or numbers requested by that applicant, subject to the approval by the commissioner, and with the maximum number of letters or numbers to be determined by the commissioner.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Member Chairman, Senate Committee Chairman, House Committee Originated in the Senate. In effect 90 days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates The within US approved this the 2740 Day of March

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