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AN ACT to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
 relating to special vehicle registration plates; designating a "Back the Blue" plate in support
 of law-enforcement personnel; designating a special beekeeper pollinator plate;
 establishing fees related to plates; and permitting extension of registration fee exemption
 to military-related special registration plates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.

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

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

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

4 (1) Every registration plate shall be of reflectorized material and have displayed upon it
5 the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued; the name of this state, which
6 may be abbreviated; and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration of the
7 plate.

8 (2) Every registration plate and the required letters and numerals on the plate shall be of 9 sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of 100 feet during daylight: *Provided*, That 10 the requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to the year number for which the plate is issued 11 or the date of expiration.

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

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

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

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to the Secretary of State, State 18 19 Superintendent of Schools, Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Attorney 20 General, the members of both houses of the Legislature, including the elected officials of both 21 houses of the Legislature, the justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the 22 representatives and senators of the state in the Congress of the United States, the judges of the 23 West Virginia circuit courts, active and retired on senior status, the judges of the United States 24 district courts for the State of West Virginia and the judges of the United States Court of Appeals 25 for the fourth circuit, if any of the judges are residents of West Virginia, a special registration plate 26 for a Class A motor vehicle and a special registration plate for a Class G motorcycle owned by 27 the official or his or her spouse: Provided, That the division may issue a Class A special 28 registration plate for each vehicle titled to the official and a Class G special registration plate for 29 each motorcycle titled to the official.

30 (B) Each plate issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear any combination of letters 31 and numbers not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner and a designation of the 32 office. Each plate shall supersede the regular numbered plate assigned to the official or his or her 33 spouse during the official's term of office and while the motor vehicle is owned by the official or 34 his or her spouse.

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

37 (3) The division may issue members of the National Guard forces special registration38 plates as follows:

(A) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the division and receipt of
 written evidence from the chief executive officer of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard,

as appropriate, or the commanding officer of any United States armed forces reserve unit that the 41 applicant is a member thereof, the division shall issue to any member of the National Guard of 42 this state or a member of any reserve unit of the United States armed forces a special registration 43 44 plate designed by the commissioner for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned by the 45 member. Upon presentation of written evidence of retirement status, retired members of this 46 state's Army or Air National Guard, or retired members of any reserve unit of the United States 47 armed forces, are eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this 48 subdivision.

(B) The division shall charge an initial application fee of \$10 for each special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. Except as otherwise provided herein, effective July 1, 2007, all fees currently held in the special revolving fund used in the administration of this section and all fees collected by the division shall be deposited in the State Road Fund.

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

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

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

(B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the
provisions of §29A-1-1 *et seq.* of this code regarding the orderly distribution of the plates: *Provided*, That for purposes of this subdivision, the registration plates requested and issued shall
include all plates bearing the numbers two through 2,000.

66 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each special registration plate issued 67 pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

(5) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans special registration plates asfollows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

90 (C) A qualified disabled veteran may obtain a second disabled veterans license plate as
 91 described in this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified

applicant. The division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road
Fund, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second plate.

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

96 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued to any armed service person 97 holding the distinguished Purple Heart medal for persons wounded in combat a registration plate 98 for a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. The 99 registration plate shall be designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles and 100 shall denote that those individuals who are granted this special registration plate are recipients of 101 the Purple Heart. All letterings shall be in purple where practical.

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

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

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

(8) The division may issue survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor special registrationplates as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the
provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code regarding the procedures for and approval of special
registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision.

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

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

(10) The division may issue specified emergency or volunteer registration plates asfollows:

146 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who 147 is a certified paramedic or emergency medical technician, a member of a paid fire department, a member of the State Fire Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal's assistants. 148 149 the State Fire Administrator, and voluntary rescue squad members may apply for a special license 150 plate for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the gualified applicant which bears 151 the insignia of the profession, group, or commission. Any insignia shall be designed by the 152 commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear the requested insignia 153 in addition to the registration number issued to the applicant pursuant to the provisions of this 154 article.

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

161 license fee required by this chapter. All special fees shall be collected by the division and162 deposited into the State Road Fund.

payment of a special initial application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other registration or

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

(A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who is a certified firefighter may apply for a special license plate which bears the insignia of the profession, for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Any insignia shall be designed by the commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision

shall bear the requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of this article. Upon presentation of
 written evidence of certification as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters are eligible to
 purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) The division may issue a special registration plate for the members of any military
 organization chartered by the United States Congress upon receipt of a guarantee from the
 organization of a minimum of 100 applicants. The insignia on the plate shall be designed by the
 commissioner.

(B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue members of the chartered
 organization in good standing, as determined by the governing body of the chartered organization,
 a special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(16) The division may issue members of the Silver Haired Legislature special registrationplates as follows:

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

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

(17) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner shall issue to a classic motor vehicle
or classic motorcycle, as defined in §17A-10-3a of this code, a special registration plate designed
by the commissioner. An annual fee of \$15, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter,
shall be charged for each classic registration plate.

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

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

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

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

259 (19) Racing theme special registration plates:

260 (A) The division may issue a series of special registration plates displaying National261 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing themes.

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

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

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

271 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any recipient of the Navy 272 Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, 273 Bronze Star, or Air Medal, a registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the 274 qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. A separate registration plate shall be designed by 275 the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles for each award that denotes that those 276 individuals who are granted this special registration plate are recipients of the Navy Cross, 277 Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze 278 Star, or Air Medal as applicable.

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

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

(21) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans special registration plates asfollows:

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

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

the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section may be construed toexempt any veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

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

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

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

308 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an 309 affidavit signed by the applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a volunteer firefighter and 310 justified in having a registration plate with the requested insignia. The applicant must comply with 311 all other laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor vehicles and must pay all 312 required fees.

313 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by 314 payment of a special one-time initial application fee of \$10, which is in addition to any other 315 registration or license fee required by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into the 316 State Road Fund.

317 (23) The division may issue special registration plates which reflect patriotic themes,
318 including the display of any United States symbol, icon, phrase, or expression which evokes
319 patriotic pride or recognition. The division shall also issue registration plates with the words "In
320 God We Trust":

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant a registration
 plate of the applicant's choice, displaying a patriotic theme as provided in this subdivision, for a

vehicle titled in the name of the applicant. A series of registration plates displaying patriotic themes
 shall be designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles for distribution to
 applicants.

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

329 (C) The provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code are not applicable for the issuance of the330 license plates designated by this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

349 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special 4-H Future Farmers of
 350 America registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

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

353 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate 354 designed by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified 355 applicant.

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

359 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special educator registration360 plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

361 (27) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Nemesis Shrine362 as follows:

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

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

370 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees371 required by this chapter.

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code, the time period for the
Nemesis Shrine to comply with the minimum 100 prepaid applications is hereby extended to
January 15, 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

404 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees405 required by this chapter.

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code, the time period for the
Knights of Columbus to comply with the minimum 100 prepaid applications is hereby extended to
January 15, 2007.

409 (31) The division may issue special registration plates to former members of the410 Legislature as follows:

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

(B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other
fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State
Road Fund. The design of the plate shall indicate total years of service in the Legislature.

419 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees420 required by this chapter.

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

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

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

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

(D) The division shall not begin production of a plate authorized under the provisions of
this subdivision until the division receives at least 100 completed applications from the state or
county executive committee members, including all fees required pursuant to this subdivision.

(E) Notwithstanding the provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code, the time period for the
democratic executive committee to comply with the minimum 100 prepaid applications is hereby
extended to January 15, 2005.

439 (33) The division may issue honorably discharged female veterans' special registration440 plates as follows:

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

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

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

453 (34) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, 454 letters, or words demonstrating association with West Liberty State College to any resident owner of a motor vehicle. Resident owners may apply for the special license plate for any number of 455 456 Class A vehicles titled in the name of the applicant. The special registration plates shall be 457 designed by the commissioner. Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be 458 accompanied by payment of a special initial application fee of \$15, which is in addition to any 459 other registration or license fee required by this chapter. The division shall charge an annual fee 460 of \$15 for each special registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All 461 special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

462 (35) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Harley Owners463 Group as follows:

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

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

471 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees472 required by this chapter.

473 (36) The division may issue special registration plates for persons retired from any branch474 of the armed services of the United States as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

494 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees495 required by this chapter.

(38) The division may issue special registration plates honoring the farmers of West
 Virginia, and the division may issue special beekeeper pollinator registration plates as follows:

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate
 depicting a farming scene or other apt reference to farming, whether in pictures or words, at the
 discretion of the commissioner. Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special

registration plate displaying a pollinator species or advocating its protection as prescribed and designated by the commissioner.

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

506 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 507 required by this chapter.

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

509 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate 510 displaying a children's education-related theme as prescribed and designated by the 511 commissioner and the State Superintendent of Schools.

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

515 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 516 required by this chapter.

517 (40) The division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association special518 registration plates as follows:

(A) The division may issue a special registration plate for members of the 82nd Airborne
Division Association upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of 100
applicants. The insignia on the plate shall be designed by the commissioner.

(B) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne
Division Association in good standing, as determined by the governing body of the organization,
a special registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant.
(C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 for each
special license plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All initial application fees

527 collected by the division shall be deposited into the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in 528 this section may be construed to exempt the applicant from any other provision of this chapter.

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

(41) The division may issue special registration plates supporting law-enforcement
officers, and the division may issue special registration plates to survivors of wounds received in
the line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency as follows:

535 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate 536 designed by the commissioner which recognizes, supports, and honors the men and women of 537 law-enforcement and includes the words "Back the Blue". Upon appropriate application, the 538 division shall issue to any member of a municipal police department, sheriff's department, the 539 State Police, or the law-enforcement division of the Division of Natural Resources who has been 540 wounded in the line of duty and awarded a Purple Heart in recognition thereof by the West Virginia 541 Chiefs of Police Association, the West Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the West Virginia Troopers 542 Association, or the Division of Natural Resources a special registration plate for one vehicle titled 543 in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia appropriately designed by the 544 commissioner.

(B) For special registration plates supporting law-enforcement officers, the division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State Road Fund. An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate supporting law-enforcement officers in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

550 (C) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision to survivors of wounds received 551 in the line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency are exempt from 552 the registration fees otherwise required by the provisions of this chapter. A surviving spouse may

553 continue to use his or her deceased spouse's special registration plate until the surviving spouse 554 dies, remarries, or does not renew the plate. Survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as 555 a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency may obtain a license plate as described 556 in this subdivision for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The 557 division shall charge a one-time fee of \$10 to be deposited into the State Road Fund, in addition 558 to all other fees required by this chapter, for the second plate.

559 (42) The division may issue a special registration plate for persons who are Native-560 Americans and residents of this state:

561 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant who is a Native-562 American resident of West Virginia a registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name of the 563 applicant with an insignia designed by the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to 564 designate the recipient as a Native-American.

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

568 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 569 required by this chapter.

570 (43) The division may issue special registration plates commemorating the centennial 571 anniversary of the creation of Davis and Elkins College as follows:

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

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

577 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 578 required by this chapter.

579 (44) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and honoring breast 580 cancer survivors. The division may also issue special registration plates to support a cure for 581 childhood cancer:

582 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate 583 designed by the commissioner to recognize and honor breast cancer survivors, such plate to 584 incorporate somewhere in the design the "pink ribbon emblem", for any number of vehicles titled 585 in the name of the applicant. Upon appropriate application, the division may also issue a special 586 registration plate designed by the commissioner to support a cure for childhood cancer, such plate 587 to incorporate somewhere in the design the gold ribbon emblem with "WV Kids Cancer Crusaders" 588 below or next to the emblem and "Cure Childhood Cancer" at the bottom of the plate, for any 589 number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

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

592 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 593 required by this chapter.

594 (45) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Knights of595 Pythias or Pythian Sisters as follows:

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

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

603 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 604 required by this chapter.

(46) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for whitewater raftingenthusiasts as follows:

607 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate 608 designed by the commissioner for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified 609 applicant.

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

613 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in614 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

615 (47) The division may issue special registration plates to members of Lions International616 as follows:

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

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

624 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 625 required by this chapter.

626 (48) The division may issue special registration plates supporting organ donation as 627 follows:

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

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

634 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 635 required by this chapter.

636 (49) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the West Virginia637 Bar Association as follows:

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

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

645 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 646 required by this chapter.

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

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

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

655 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 656 required by this chapter.

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate depicting and displaying coal miners in mining activities as prescribed and designated by the commissioner and the board of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority. The division may also issue registration plates with the words "Friends of Coal".

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

666 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees 667 required by this chapter.

(D) The provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code are not applicable for the issuance oflicense plates designated by this subdivision.

670 (52) The division may issue special registration plates to present and former Boy Scouts671 as follows:

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

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

679 (C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each plate in addition to all other fees680 required by this chapter.

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

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

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

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

691 (54) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and memorializing692 victims of domestic violence:

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

697 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. This special fee shall698 be deposited in the State Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(57) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for horse enthusiasts asfollows:

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

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

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

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate for
any number of vehicles titled in the name of a qualified applicant depicting the Gold Star awarded
by the United States Department of Defense as prescribed and designated by the commissioner.
(B) The next of kin shall provide sufficient proof of receiving a Gold Star lapel button from
the United States Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 534, 89th Congress, and
criteria established by the United States Department of Defense, including criteria to determine

next of kin.

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

(D) The provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code are not applicable for the issuance ofspecial license plates designated by this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

(D) The provisions of §17A-3-14(d) of this code are not applicable for the issuance ofspecial license plates designated by this subdivision.

(60) Upon approval by the commissioner of an appropriate application, and upon all
 requirements of this subdivision being satisfied, the division may issue special registration plates

for Class A and Class G motor vehicles to members of an organization for which a special registration plate has not been issued pursuant to any other subdivision in this subsection prior to January 1, 2010, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision:

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

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

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

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

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

(v) The name of the organization may not be the name of a special product or brand name,
and may not be construed, as determined by the commissioner, as promoting a product or brand
name; and

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

(B) Beginning July 1, 2010, an organization requesting the creation and issuance of a special registration plate may make application with the division. The application shall include sufficient information, as determined by the commissioner, to determine whether the special registration plate requested and the organization making the application meet all of the

requirements set forth in this subdivision. The application shall also include a proposed design, including lettering, logo, image, or message to be placed on the registration plate. The commissioner shall notify the organization of the commissioner's approval or disapproval of the application.

(C)(i) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates authorized and approved pursuant to this subdivision until the organization which applied for the special registration plate has collected and submitted collectively to the division applications completed by at least 250 persons and collectively deposited with the division all fees necessary to cover the first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs, and to cover the first year additional annual fee for all of the applications submitted.

(ii) If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications and fees within
six months of the effective date of the approval of the application for the plate by the
commissioner, the plate will not be produced until a new application is submitted and is approved
by the commissioner: *Provided*, That an organization that is unsuccessful in obtaining the
minimum number of applications may not make a new application for a special plate until at least
two years have passed since the approval of the previous application of the organization.

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

807 (E) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in 808 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

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

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

(i) The number of valid registrations for the specialty plate falls below 250 plates for at
least 12 consecutive months; or

817 (ii) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the requirements of this818 subdivision.

819 (d) The minimum number of applications required prior to design and production of a820 special license plate shall be as follows:

821 (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates for 822 which eligibility is based on membership or affiliation with a particular private organization until at 823 least 100 persons complete an application and deposit with the organization a check to cover the 824 first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs, and to cover the first year 825 additional annual fee. If the organization fails to submit the required number of applications with 826 attached checks within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the 827 plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: Provided, That an 828 organization or group that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of applications may 829 not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least two years have passed since the 830 effective date of the original authorization: Provided, however, That the provisions of this 831 subdivision are not applicable to the issuance of plates authorized pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(60) 832 of this code.

(2) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates authorized by this section for which membership or affiliation with a particular organization is not required until at least 250 registrants complete an application and deposit a fee with the division to cover the first year's basic registration fee, one-time design and manufacturing fee, and additional annual fee if applicable. If the commissioner fails to receive the required number of applications within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the plate

will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided*, That if the minimum
number of applications is not satisfied within the six months of the effective date of the original
authorizing legislation, a person may not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least
two years have passed since the effective date of the original authorization.

(e)(1) Nothing in this section requires a charge for a free prisoner of war license plate or
a free recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor license plate for a vehicle titled in the name
of the qualified applicant as authorized by other provisions of this code.

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

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

(f) The division may issue special 10-year registration plates as follows:

(1) The commissioner may issue or renew for a period of no more than 10 years any
registration plate exempted from registration fees pursuant to any provision of this code or any
restricted use antique motor vehicle license plate authorized by §17A-10-3a of this code: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection do not apply to any person who has had a special
registration suspended for failure to maintain motor vehicle liability insurance as required by
§17D-2A-3 of this code or failure to pay personal property taxes as required by §17A-3-3a of this
code.

(2) An initial nonrefundable fee shall be charged for each special registration plate issued
pursuant to this subsection, which is the total amount of fees required by §17A-3-3, §17A-10-3a,
or §17A-10-15 of this code for the period requested.

(g) The provisions of this section may not be construed to exempt any registrant from
 maintaining motor vehicle liability insurance as required by §17D-2A-3 of this code or from paying
 personal property taxes on any motor vehicle as required by §17A-3-3a of this code.

(h) The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, issue a registration plate of 868 reflectorized material suitable for permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, 869 870 together with appropriate devices to be attached to the registration to indicate the year for which 871 the vehicles have been properly registered or the date of expiration of the registration. The design 872 and expiration of the plates shall be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall, 873 whenever possible and cost effective, implement the latest technology in the design, production, 874 and issuance of registration plates, indices of registration renewal and vehicle ownership 875 documents, including, but not limited to, offering Internet renewal of vehicle registration and the 876 use of bar codes for instant identification of vehicles by scanning equipment to promote the 877 efficient and effective coordination and communication of data for improving highway safety. 878 aiding law enforcement, and enhancing revenue collection.

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

(j) The division shall, upon request of a qualifying applicant, exempt one nonexempt
 military special registration plate per qualifying applicant from all registration fees. For purposes
 of this subsection:

(1) "Exempt military special registration plate" means a special registration plate related
 to military service that is issued pursuant to this section for which registration fees are exempt
 pursuant to this section or §17A-10-8 of this code, including, but not limited to, a special
 registration plate issued to one of the following:

(A) A disabled veteran pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(6), §17A-10-8(4), or §17A-10-8(5) of this 891 892 code: (B) A recipient of the Purple Heart medal pursuant to \$17A-3-14(c)(7) of this code; 893 894 (C) A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor pursuant to \$17A-3-14(c)(8) of this code; 895 (D) A former prisoner of war pursuant to §17A-10-8(6) of this code; or 896 (E) A recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor pursuant to §17A-10-8(7) of this code. 897 (2) "Nonexempt military special registration plate" means a special registration plate 898 related to military service that is issued pursuant to this section for which registration fees are not 899 exempt pursuant to this section or §17A-10-8 of this code, including, but not limited to, special 900 registration plate issued to one of the following: 901 (A) A member of the National Guard forces pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(3) of this code; 902 (B) An honorably discharged veteran pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(5) or §17A-3-14(c)(21) of 903 this code; 904 (C) An honorably discharged Marine Corps League member pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(13) 905 of this code; 906 (D) A member of a military organization pursuant to $\frac{17A-3-14(c)}{14}$ of this code; 907 (E) A recipient of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying 908 Cross, Air Force Cross, Bronze Star, Silver Star, or Air Medal pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(20) of this 909 code: 910 (F) A recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge or the Combat Medic Badge pursuant to 911 §17A-3-14(c)(29) of this code; 912 (G) An honorably discharged female veteran pursuant to \$17A-3-14(c)(33) of this code; 913 (H) A person retired from any branch of the armed services of the United States pursuant 914 to §17A-3-14(c)(36) of this code; or 915 (I) A member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association pursuant to §17A-3-14(c)(40) of 916 this code.

917 (3) "Qualifying applicant" means an applicant who qualifies for an exempt military special 918 registration plate, and who also qualifies for a nonexempt military special registration plate, who 919 requests that the division issue one such nonexempt military special registration plate instead of 920 such exempt military special registration plate in order to have such nonexempt military special 921 registration plate be exempt from the payment of registration fees.

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

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