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House Bill 5637

By Delegate Linville

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A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the number of applicants for a special plate from 100 to 50.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

[ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.](https://code.wvlegislature.gov/17A-3/)

§17A-3-14b. Special registration plates for military personnel.

(a) The division may continue to issue special plates for any plate class authorized by enactments of §17A-3-14 of this code prior to the year 2023 for active, retired, or honorably discharged military personnel, or the next of kin of a member of any branch of the armed services of the United States killed in combat. The division shall charge an initial application fee of $10 for each special registration plate issued pursuant to this section, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's military license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries, or does not renew the license plate.

(b) The applicant shall present documentation as determined by the commissioner as evidence of qualification for any plate authorized in this section.

(c) The division may issue a special registration plate pursuant to this section to any number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

(d) If a new special plate as authorized in this section recognizes members of a military organization chartered by the United States Congress, the division may produce such plate upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of ~~100~~ 50 applicants.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the minimum applicants for a special plate from 100 to 50.

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