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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to motor vehicle registration and authorizing specialized motor vehicle registration plates; deleting the provision that division may not issue more than two Class A and two Class G special registration plates for certain officials; adding West Virginia circuit court judges, active and retired, as officials eligible for special registration plates; license plates for war veterans; reducing the registration fee for certain veterans; including bronze star recipients as veterans eligible for a special plates; authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates for certified

firefighters; providing for the issuance of special plates for all honorably discharged veterans; providing for a one-time fee of ten dollars for disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, Pearl Harbor survivors, purple heart recipients and recipients of the congressional medal of honor; authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates for volunteer firemen and women; authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates displaying patriotic themes; authorizing special registration plates showing the American flag bearing the logo "9/11/01"; authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates celebrating the centennial of the 4-H youth development movement; authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates for the future farmers of America organization; and authorizing the division of motor vehicles to issue special registration plates for educators.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fourteen, article three, chapter seventeen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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.

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

- 4 (b) Registration plates issued by the division shall meet
- 5 the following requirements:

- 6 (1) Every registration plate shall be of reflectorized
- 7 material and have displayed upon it the registration

8 number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued; the
9 name of this state, which may be abbreviated; and the year
10 number for which it is issued or the date of expiration of
11 the plate.

12 (2) Every registration plate and the required letters and
13 numerals on the plate shall be of sufficient size to be
14 plainly readable from a distance of one hundred feet
15 during daylight: *Provided*, That the requirements of this
16 subdivision shall not apply to the year number for which
17 the plate is issued or the date of expiration.

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

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

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

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

27 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
28 issue to the secretary of state, state superintendent of
29 schools, auditor, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture
30 and the attorney general, the members of both houses of
31 the Legislature, including the elected officials of both
32 houses of the Legislature, the justices of the supreme court
33 of appeals of West Virginia, the representatives and
34 senators of the state in the Congress of the United States,
35 the judges of the West Virginia circuit courts, active and
36 retired on senior status, the judges of the United States
37 district courts for the state of West Virginia and the judges
38 of the United States court of appeals for the fourth circuit,
39 if any of the judges are residents of West Virginia, a
40 special registration plate for a Class A motor vehicle and
41 a special registration plate for a Class G motorcycle owned
42 by the official or his or her spouse: *Provided*, That the

43 division may issue a Class A special registration plate for
44 each vehicle titled to the official and a Class G special
45 registration plate for each motorcycle titled to the official.

46 (B) Each plate issued pursuant to this subdivision shall
47 bear any combination of letters and numbers not to exceed
48 an amount determined by the commissioner and a designa-
49 tion of the office. Each plate shall supersede the regular
50 numbered plate assigned to the official or his or her spouse
51 during the official's term of office and while the motor
52 vehicle is owned by the official or his or her spouse.

53 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of fifteen
54 dollars for every registration plate issued pursuant to this
55 subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required
56 by this chapter.

57 (3) The division may issue members of the national guard
58 forces special registration plates as follows:

59 (A) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed
60 by the division and receipt of written evidence from the
61 chief executive officer of the army national guard or air
62 national guard, as appropriate, or the commanding officer
63 of any United States armed forces reserve unit that the
64 applicant is a member thereof, the division shall issue to
65 any member of the national guard of this state or a
66 member of any reserve unit of the United States armed
67 forces a special registration plate designed by the commis-
68 sioner for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned by
69 the member. Upon presentation of written evidence of
70 retirement status, retired members of this state's army or
71 air national guard, or retired members of any reserve unit
72 of the United States armed forces, are eligible to purchase
73 the special registration plate issued pursuant to this
74 subdivision.

75 (B) The division shall charge an initial application fee of
76 ten dollars for each special registration plate issued
77 pursuant to this subdivision, which is in addition to all

78 other fees required by this chapter. All initial application
79 fees collected by the division shall be deposited into a
80 special revolving fund to be used in the administration of
81 this section.

82 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her
83 deceased spouse's national guard forces license plate until
84 the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
85 license plate.

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

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

96 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
97 approval in accordance with the provisions of chapter
98 twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the orderly distribu-
99 tion of the plates: *Provided*, That for purposes of this
100 subdivision, the registration plates requested and issued
101 shall include all plates bearing the numbers two through
102 two thousand.

103 (C) An annual fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for
104 each special registration plate issued pursuant to this
105 subdivision, which is in addition to all other fees required
106 by this chapter.

107 (5) The division may issue honorably discharged veterans
108 special registration plates as follows:

109 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
110 issue to any honorably discharged veteran of any branch
111 of the armed services of the United States a special

112 registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the
113 name of the qualified applicant with an insignia designed
114 by the commissioner of the division of motor vehicles.

115 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
116 fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees required by
117 law. This special fee is to compensate the division of
118 motor vehicles for additional costs and services required
119 in the issuing of the special registration and shall be
120 collected by the division and deposited in a special revolving
121 fund to be used for the administration of this section:
122 *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be construed to
123 exempt any veteran from any other provision of this
124 chapter.

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

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

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

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

141 (C) A qualified disabled veteran may obtain a second
142 disabled veteran license plate as described in this section
143 for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the
144 qualified applicant. The division shall charge a one-time
145 fee of ten dollars to be deposited into a special revolving
146 fund to be used in the administration of this section, in

147 addition to all other fees required by this chapter, for the
148 second plate.

149 (7) The division may issue recipients of the distinguished
150 purple heart medal special registration plates as follows:

151 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued
152 to any armed service person holding the distinguished
153 purple heart medal for persons wounded in combat a
154 registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name of the
155 qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. The
156 registration plate shall be designed by the commissioner of
157 motor vehicles and shall denote that those individuals who
158 are granted this special registration plate are recipients of
159 the purple heart. All letterings shall be in purple where
160 practical.

161 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivi-
162 sion are exempt from all registration fees otherwise
163 required by the provisions of this chapter.

164 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her
165 deceased spouse's purple heart medal license plate until
166 the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the
167 license plate.

168 (D) A recipient of the purple heart medal may obtain a
169 second purple heart medal license plate as described in
170 this section for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the
171 name of the qualified applicant. The division shall charge
172 a one-time fee of ten dollars to be deposited into a special
173 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
174 section, in addition to all other fees required by this
175 chapter, for the second plate.

176 (8) The division may issue survivors of the attack on
177 Pearl Harbor special registration plates as follows:

178 (A) Upon appropriate application, the owner of a motor
179 vehicle who was enlisted in any branch of the armed
180 services that participated in and survived the attack on

181 Pearl Harbor on the seventh day of December, one thou-
182 sand nine hundred forty-one, the division shall issue a
183 special registration plate for a vehicle titled in the name of
184 the qualified applicant. The registration plate shall be
185 designed by the commissioner of motor vehicles.

186 (B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivi-
187 sion are exempt from the payment of all registration fees
188 otherwise required by the provisions of this chapter.

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

193 (D) A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor may obtain
194 a second survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor license
195 plate as described in this section for use on a passenger
196 vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The
197 division shall charge a one-time fee of ten dollars to be
198 deposited into a special revolving fund to be used in the
199 administration of this section, in addition to all other fees
200 required by this chapter, for the second plate.

201 (9) The division may issue special registration plates to
202 nonprofit charitable and educational organizations as
203 follows:

204 (A) Approved nonprofit charitable and educational
205 organizations may accept and collect applications for
206 special registration plates from owners of Class A motor
207 vehicles together with a special annual fee of fifteen
208 dollars, which is in addition to all other fees required by
209 this chapter. The applications and fees shall be submitted
210 to the division of motor vehicles with the request that the
211 division issue a registration plate bearing a combination of
212 letters or numbers with the organizations' logo or emblem,
213 with the maximum number of letters or numbers to be
214 determined by the commissioner.

215 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
216 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three,
217 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the proce-
218 dures for and approval of special registration plates issued
219 pursuant to this subdivision.

220 (C) The commissioner shall set an appropriate fee to
221 defray the administrative costs associated with designing
222 and manufacturing special registration plates for a
223 nonprofit charitable or educational organization. The
224 nonprofit charitable or educational organization shall
225 collect this fee and forward it to the division for deposit in
226 a special revolving fund to pay the administrative costs.
227 The nonprofit charitable or educational organization may
228 also collect a fee for marketing the special registration
229 plates.

230 (10) The division may issue specified emergency or
231 volunteer registration plates as follows:

232 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the
233 state of West Virginia and who is a certified paramedic or
234 emergency medical technician, a member of a paid fire
235 department, a member of the state fire commission, the
236 state fire marshal, the state fire marshal's assistants, the
237 state fire administrator and voluntary rescue squad
238 members may apply for a special license plate for any
239 number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the
240 qualified applicant which bears the insignia of the profes-
241 sion, group or commission. Any insignia shall be designed
242 by the commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to
243 this subdivision shall bear the requested insignia in
244 addition to the registration number issued to the applicant
245 pursuant to the provisions of this article.

246 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivi-
247 sion shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the
248 fire chief or department head of the applicant stating that
249 the applicant is justified in having a registration with the
250 requested insignia; proof of compliance with all laws of

251 this state regarding registration and licensure of motor
252 vehicles; and payment of all required fees.

253 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivi-
254 sion shall be accompanied by payment of a special initial
255 application fee of ten dollars, which is in addition to any
256 other registration or license fee required by this chapter.
257 All special fees shall be collected by the division and
258 deposited into a special revolving fund to be used for the
259 purpose of compensating the division of motor vehicles for
260 additional costs and services required in the issuing of the
261 special registration and for the administration of this
262 section.

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

265 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the
266 state of West Virginia and who is a certified firefighter
267 may apply for a special license plate which bears the
268 insignia of the profession, for any number of Class A
269 vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Any
270 insignia shall be designed by the commissioner. License
271 plates issued pursuant to this subdivision shall bear the
272 requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of this
273 article. Upon presentation of written evidence of certifica-
274 tion as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters are
275 eligible to purchase the special registration plate, issued
276 pursuant to this subdivision.

277 (B) Each year an application submitted pursuant to this
278 subdivision shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by
279 the West Virginia state fire commission or a copy of the
280 applicant's certification as a certified firefighter, with
281 certification number, stating that the applicant is justified
282 in having a registration with the requested insignia; proof
283 of compliance with all laws of this state regarding regis-
284 tration and licensure of motor vehicles; and payment of all
285 required fees.

286 (C) Each year an application submitted pursuant to this
287 subdivision shall be accompanied by payment of a special
288 initial application fee of ten dollars, which is in addition
289 to any other registration or license fee required by this
290 chapter. All special fees shall be collected by the division
291 and deposited into a special revolving fund to be used for
292 the purpose of compensating the division of motor vehicles
293 for additional costs and services required in the issuing of
294 the special registration and for the administration of this
295 section.

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

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

302 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
303 application fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees
304 required by this chapter. All initial application fees
305 collected by the division shall be deposited into a special
306 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
307 chapter.

308 (13) The division may issue honorably discharged marine
309 corps league members special registration plates as
310 follows:

311 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
312 issue to any honorably discharged marine corps league
313 member a special registration plate for any number of
314 vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant with
315 an insignia designed by the commissioner of the division
316 of motor vehicles.

317 (B) The division may charge a special one-time initial
318 application fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees
319 required by this chapter. This special fee is to compensate
320 the division of motor vehicles for additional costs and

321 services required in the issuing of the special registration
322 and shall be collected by the division and deposited in a
323 special revolving fund to be used for the administration of
324 this section: *Provided*, That nothing in this section may be
325 construed to exempt any veteran from any other provision
326 of this chapter.

327 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her
328 deceased spouse's honorably discharged marine corps
329 league license plate until the surviving spouse dies,
330 remarries or does not renew the license plate.

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

333 (A) The division may issue a special registration plate for
334 the members of any military organization chartered by the
335 United States congress upon receipt of a guarantee from
336 organization of a minimum of one hundred applicants.
337 The insignia on the plate shall be designed by the commis-
338 sioner.

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

344 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
345 application fee of ten dollars for each special license plate
346 in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All
347 initial application fees collected by the division shall be
348 deposited into a special revolving fund to be used in the
349 administration of this chapter: *Provided*, That nothing in
350 this section may be construed to exempt any veteran from
351 any other provision of this chapter.

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

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

359 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
360 issue a special registration plate displaying a species of
361 West Virginia wildlife which shall display a species of
362 wildlife native to West Virginia as prescribed and desig-
363 nated by the commissioner and the director of the division
364 of natural resources.

365 (B) The division shall charge an annual fee of fifteen
366 dollars for each special nongame wildlife registration plate
367 and each special wildlife registration plate in addition to
368 all other fees required by this chapter. All annual fees
369 collected for nongame wildlife registration plates and
370 wildlife registration plates shall be deposited in a special
371 revenue account designated the nongame wildlife fund and
372 credited to the division of natural resources.

373 (C) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
374 application fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees
375 required by this chapter. All initial application fees
376 collected by the division shall be deposited in a special
377 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
378 chapter.

379 (16) The division may issue members of the silver haired
380 legislature special registration plates as follows:

381 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
382 issue to any person who is a duly qualified member of the
383 silver haired legislature a specialized registration plate
384 which bears recognition of the applicant as a member of
385 the silver haired legislature.

386 (B) A qualified member of the silver haired legislature
387 may obtain one registration plate described in this subdi-
388 vision for use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of
389 the qualified applicant. The division shall charge an
390 annual fee of fifteen dollars, in addition to all other fees

391 required by this chapter, for the plate. All annual fees
392 collected by the division shall be deposited in a special
393 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
394 chapter.

395 (17) Upon appropriate application, the commissioner
396 shall issue to a classic motor vehicle or classic motorcycle
397 as defined in section three-a, article ten of this chapter, a
398 special registration plate designed by the commissioner.
399 An annual fee of fifteen dollars, in addition to all other
400 fees required by this chapter, shall be charged for each
401 classic registration plate.

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

405 (A) Upon appropriate application, there shall be issued
406 to any honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the
407 armed services of the United States a special registration
408 plate for any number of motorcycles subject to Class G
409 registration titled in the name of the qualified applicant
410 with an insignia designed by the commissioner of the
411 division of motor vehicles.

412 (B) A special initial application fee of ten dollars shall be
413 charged in addition to all other fees required by law. This
414 special fee is to compensate the division of motor vehicles
415 for additional costs and services required in the issuing of
416 the special registration and shall be collected by the
417 division and deposited in a special revolving fund to be
418 used for the administration of this section: *Provided*, That
419 nothing in this section may be construed to exempt any
420 veteran from any other provision of this chapter.

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

425 (19) Racing theme special registration plates:

426 (A) The division may issue a series of special registration
427 plates displaying national association for stock car auto
428 racing themes;

429 (B) An annual fee of twenty-five dollars shall be charged
430 for each special racing theme registration plate in addition
431 to all other fees required by this chapter. All annual fees
432 collected for each special racing theme registration plate
433 shall be deposited into a special revolving fund to be used
434 in the administration of this chapter;

435 (C) A special application fee of ten dollars shall be
436 charged at the time of initial application as well as upon
437 application for any duplicate or replacement registration
438 plate, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.
439 All application fees shall be deposited into a special
440 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
441 chapter.

442 (20) The division may issue recipients of the navy cross,
443 distinguished service cross, distinguished flying cross, air
444 force cross, bronze star or silver star special registration
445 plates as follows:

446 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
447 issue to any recipient of the navy cross, distinguished
448 service cross, distinguished flying cross, air force cross,
449 silver star or bronze star, a registration plate for any
450 number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified
451 applicant bearing letters or numbers. A separate registra-
452 tion plate shall be designed by the commissioner of motor
453 vehicles for each award that denotes that those individuals
454 who are granted this special registration plate are recipi-
455 ents of the navy cross, distinguished service cross, distin-
456 guished flying cross, air force cross, silver star or bronze
457 star, as applicable.

458 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
459 fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees required by
460 law. This special fee is to compensate the division of

461 motor vehicles for additional costs and services required
462 in the issuing of the special registration and shall be
463 collected by the division and deposited in a special revolv-
464 ing fund to be used for the administration of this section:
465 *Provided*, That nothing in this section exempts the appli-
466 cant for a special registration plate under this subdivision
467 from any other provision of this chapter.

468 (C) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her
469 deceased spouse's navy cross, distinguished service cross,
470 distinguished flying cross, air force cross, silver star or
471 bronze star special registration plate until the surviving
472 spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the special
473 registration plate.

474 (21) The division may issue honorably discharged
475 veterans special registration plates as follows:

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

485 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
486 application fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees
487 required by law. This special fee is to compensate the
488 division of motor vehicles for additional costs and services
489 required in the issuing of the special registration and shall
490 be collected by the division and deposited in a special
491 revolving fund to be used for the administration of this
492 section: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section
493 may be construed to exempt any veteran from any other
494 provision of this chapter.

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

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

501 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of
502 West Virginia and who is a volunteer fireman or woman
503 may apply for a special license plate for one Class A
504 vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant which
505 bears the insignia of the profession in white letters on a
506 red background. The insignia shall be designed by the
507 commissioner and shall contain a fireman's helmet insig-
508 nia on the left side of the license plate.

509 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivi-
510 sion shall be accompanied by an affidavit signed by the
511 applicant's fire chief, stating that the applicant is a
512 volunteer fireman or woman and justified in having a
513 registration plate with the requested insignia. The appli-
514 cant must comply with all other laws of this state regard-
515 ing registration and licensure of motor vehicles and must
516 pay all required fees. Only one such license plate may be
517 issued to a volunteer fireman or woman.

518 (C) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivi-
519 sion shall be accompanied by payment of a special one-
520 time initial application fee of one dollar, which is in
521 addition to any other registration or license fee required
522 by this chapter. All application fees shall be deposited into
523 a special revolving fund to be used in the administration
524 of this chapter.

525 (23) The division may issue special registration plates
526 which reflect patriotic themes, including the display of any
527 United States symbol, icon, phrase or expression, which
528 evokes patriotic pride or recognition.

529 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall
530 issue to an applicant a registration plate of the applicant's
531 choice, displaying a patriotic theme as provided in this
532 subdivision, for a vehicle titled in the name of the appli-
533 cant. A series of registration plates displaying patriotic
534 themes shall be designed by the commissioner of motor
535 vehicles for distribution to applicants.

536 (B) The division shall charge a special one-time initial
537 application fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees
538 required by law. This special fee is to compensate the
539 division of motor vehicles for additional costs and services
540 required in the issuing of the special registration and shall
541 be collected by the division and deposited in a special
542 revolving fund to be used for the administration of this
543 section.

544 (24) Special license plates bearing the American flag and
545 the logo "9/11/01".

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

549 (B) An annual fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged for
550 each plate in addition to all other fees required by this
551 chapter.

552 (C) A special application fee of ten dollars shall be
553 charged at the time of initial application as well as upon
554 application for any duplicate or replacement registration
555 plate, in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.
556 All application fees shall be deposited into a special
557 revolving fund to be used in the administration of this
558 chapter.

559 (25) The division may issue a special registration plate
560 celebrating the centennial of the 4-H youth development
561 movement and honoring the future farmers of America
562 organization as follows:

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

570 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
571 fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees required by
572 law. This special fee is to compensate the division of motor
573 vehicles for additional costs and services required in the
574 issuing of the special registration and shall be collected by
575 the division and deposited in a special revolving fund to be
576 used for the administration of this section:

577 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of fifteen
578 dollars for each special 4-H future farmers of America
579 registration plate in addition to all other fees required by
580 this chapter.

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

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

589 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application
590 fee of ten dollars in addition to all other fees required by
591 law. This special fee is to compensate the division of motor
592 vehicles for additional costs and services required in the
593 issuing of the special registration and shall be collected by
594 the division and deposited in a special revolving fund to be
595 used for the administration of this section:

596 (C) The division shall charge an annual fee of fifteen
597 dollars for each special educator registration plate in
598 addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

599 (d) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative
600 approval in accordance with the provisions of article three,
601 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the proper
602 forms to be used in making application for the special
603 license plates authorized by this section.

604 (e)(1) Nothing in this section may be construed to require
605 a charge for a free prisoner of war license plate or a free
606 recipient of the congressional medal of honor license plate
607 for a vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant
608 as authorized by other provisions of this code.

609 (2) A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her
610 deceased spouse's prisoner of war or congressional medal
611 of honor license plate until the surviving spouse dies,
612 remarries or does not renew the license plate.

613 (3) Qualified former prisoners of war and recipients of
614 the congressional medal of honor may obtain a second
615 special registration plate for use on a passenger vehicle
616 titled in the name of the qualified applicant. The division
617 shall charge a one-time fee of ten dollars to be deposited
618 into a special revolving fund to be used in the administra-
619 tion of this chapter, in addition to all other fees required
620 by this chapter, for the second special plate.

621 (f) The division may issue special ten-year registration
622 plates as follows:

623 (1) The commissioner may issue or renew for a period of
624 no more than ten years any registration plate exempted
625 from registration fees pursuant to any provision of this
626 code or any restricted use antique motor vehicle license
627 plate authorized by section three-a, article ten of this
628 chapter: *Provided*, That the provisions of this subsection
629 do not apply to any person who has had a special registra-
630 tion suspended for failure to maintain motor vehicle
631 liability insurance as required by section three, article
632 two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or failure to pay
633 personal property taxes as required by section three-a of
634 this article.

635 (2) An initial nonrefundable fee shall be charged for each
636 special registration plate issued pursuant to this subsection,
637 which is the total amount of fees required by section
638 fifteen, article ten of this chapter, section three, article
639 three of this chapter or section three-a, article ten of this
640 chapter for the period requested.

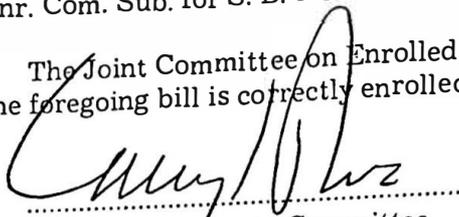
641 (g) The provisions of this section may not be construed to
642 exempt any registrant from maintaining motor vehicle
643 liability insurance as required by section three, article
644 two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or from paying
645 personal property taxes on any motor vehicle as required
646 by section three-a of this article.

647 (h) The commissioner may, in his or her discretion, issue
648 a registration plate of reflectorized material suitable for
649 permanent use on motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers,
650 together with appropriate devices to be attached to the
651 registration to indicate the year for which the vehicles
652 have been properly registered or the date of expiration of
653 the registration. The design and expiration of the plates
654 shall be determined by the commissioner.

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

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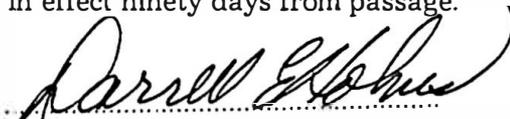
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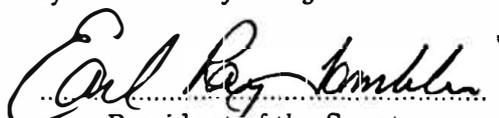

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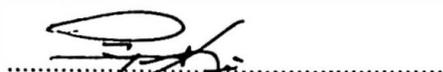
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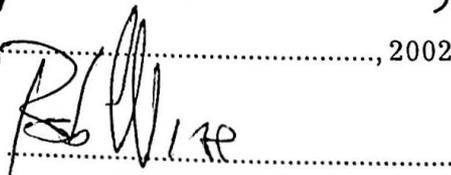

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