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### **House Bill 4326**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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to the Committee on Roads and Transportation then  
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to making special registration plates for volunteer fire fighters good for five years,

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

1 That §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 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 the owner one registration plate  
2 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 one hundred feet during daylight: *Provided,*  
10 That the requirements of this subdivision shall not apply to the year number for which the plate is  
11 issued 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:

15 (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.

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

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

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

(3) The division may issue members of the National Guard forces special registration 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 applicant is a member thereof, the division shall issue to any member of the National Guard of this state or a member of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces a special registration plate designed by the commissioner for any number of Class A motor vehicles owned by the member. Upon presentation of written evidence of retirement status, retired members of this states Army or Air National Guard, or retired members of any reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces, are eligible to purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this 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.

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

(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 chapter twenty-nine-a 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 two thousand.

(C) An annual fee of \$15 shall be charged for each special registration plate issued 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 as follows:

(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 spouses honorably discharged veterans license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

(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.

(C) A qualified disabled veteran may obtain a second disabled veterans 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.

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

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

(B) Registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision are exempt from the payment of 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

120 attack on Pearl Harbor license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew  
121 the license plate.

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

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

129 (A) Approved nonprofit charitable and educational organizations previously authorized  
130 under the prior enactment of this subdivision may accept and collect applications for special  
131 registration plates from owners of Class A motor vehicles together with a special annual fee of  
132 \$15, which is in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. The applications and fees shall  
133 be submitted to the Division of Motor Vehicles with the request that the division issue a registration  
134 plate bearing a combination of letters or numbers with the organizations logo or emblem, with the  
135 maximum number of letters or numbers to be determined by the commissioner.

136 (B) The commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the  
137 provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code regarding the procedures for and  
138 approval of special registration plates issued pursuant to this subdivision.

139 (C) The commissioner shall set an appropriate fee to defray the administrative costs  
140 associated with designing and manufacturing special registration plates for a nonprofit charitable  
141 or educational organization. The nonprofit charitable or educational organization shall collect this  
142 fee and forward it to the division for deposit in the State Road Fund. The nonprofit charitable or  
143 educational organization may also collect a fee for marketing the special registration plates.

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

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  
148 member of the State Fire Commission, the State Fire Marshal, the State Fire Marshal's assistants,  
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 qualified 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.

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

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

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

164 (A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of West Virginia and who  
165 is a certified firefighter may apply for a special license plate which bears the insignia of the  
166 profession, for any number of Class A vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant. Any  
167 insignia shall be designed by the commissioner. License plates issued pursuant to this subdivision  
168 shall bear the requested insignia pursuant to the provisions of this article. Upon presentation of  
169 written evidence of certification as a certified firefighter, certified firefighters are eligible to  
170 purchase the special registration plate issued pursuant to this subdivision.

171 (B) Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by an



172 affidavit stating that the applicant is justified in having a registration with the requested insignia;  
173 proof of compliance with all laws of this state regarding registration and licensure of motor  
174 vehicles; and payment of all required fees. The firefighter certification department, section or  
175 division of the West Virginia University fire service extension shall notify the commissioner in  
176 writing immediately when a firefighter loses his or her certification. If a firefighter loses his or her  
177 certification, the commissioner may not issue him or her a license plate under this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

195 (B) The division may charge a special one-time initial application fee of \$10 in addition to  
196 all other fees required by this chapter. This special fee is to compensate the Division of Motor  
197 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 spouses honorably discharged Marine Corps League license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the license plate.

(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 one hundred 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 registration plates 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 section three-a, article ten of this chapter, 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.

(19) Racing theme special registration plates:

(A) The division may issue a series of special registration plates displaying National 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:

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any recipient of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star or Air Medal, a registration plate for any number of vehicles titled in the name of the qualified applicant bearing letters or numbers. A separate registration plate shall be designed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for each award that denotes that those individuals who are

granted this special registration plate are recipients of the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Silver Star or Bronze 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 as follows:

(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 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 registration plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries or does not renew the special registration plate.

(22) The division may issue special five-year volunteer firefighter registration plates as follows:

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

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

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

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to an applicant a registration plate of the applicants 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 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.

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue special registration plates which 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 fees required 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.

(C) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special 4-H Future Farmers of 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:

(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 educator registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

(27) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Nemesis Shrine 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.

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

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the Nemesis Shrine to comply with the minimum one hundred 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



380 Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

403 (D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the  
404 Knights of Columbus to comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby  
405 extended to January 15, 2007.

406 (31) The division may issue special registration plates to former members of the  
407 Legislature as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

430 (D) The division shall not begin production of a plate authorized under the provisions of  
431 this subdivision until the division receives at least one hundred completed applications from the

state or county executive committee members, including all fees required pursuant to this subdivision.

(E) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, the time period for the democratic executive committee to comply with the minimum one hundred prepaid applications is hereby extended to January 15, 2005.

(33) The division may issue honorably discharged female veterans special registration 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.

(34) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, 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 Class A vehicles titled in the name of the applicant. The special registration plates shall be designed by the commissioner. Each application submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be accompanied by payment of a special initial application fee of \$15, which is in addition to any other registration or license fee required by this chapter. The division shall charge an annual fee

of \$15 for each special registration plate in addition to all other fees required by this chapter. All special fees shall be collected by the division and deposited into the State Road Fund.

(35) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Harley Owners 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.

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

(36) The division may issue special registration plates for persons retired from any branch 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.

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

(37) The division may issue special registration plates bearing the logo, symbol, insignia, 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.

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

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

(A) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of West Virginia may apply for a special license plate depicting a farming scene or other apt reference to farming, whether in pictures or words, at the discretion of the commissioner.

(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.

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

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

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate displaying a children's education-related theme as prescribed and designated by the 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.

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

(40) The division may issue members of the 82nd Airborne Division Association special 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 one hundred 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 collected by the division shall be deposited into the State Road Fund: *Provided*, That nothing in 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 spouses 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 to survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency.

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue to any member of a municipal police department, sheriffs department, the State Police or the law-enforcement division of the Division of Natural Resources who has been wounded in the line of duty and awarded a Purple Heart in recognition thereof by the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association, the West Virginia Sheriffs Association, the West Virginia Troopers Association or the Division of Natural Resources a special registration plate for one vehicle titled in the name of the qualified applicant with an insignia appropriately designed by the commissioner.

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

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

(D) Survivors of wounds received in the line of duty as a member with a West Virginia law-enforcement agency may obtain a 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.

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

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

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

(43) The division may issue special registration plates commemorating the centennial 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.

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

(44) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and honoring breast cancer survivors.

(A) Upon appropriate application, the division may issue a special registration plate designed by the commissioner to recognize and honor breast cancer survivors, such plate to incorporate somewhere in the design the "pink ribbon emblem", 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 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.

(45) The division may issue special registration plates to members of the Knights of 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.

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

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



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

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

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

596           (47) The division may issue special registration plates to members of Lions International  
597 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

614 Road Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

639 (A) Upon appropriate application, the division shall issue a special registration plate

640 depicting and displaying coal miners in mining activities as prescribed and designated by the  
641 commissioner and the board of the National Coal Heritage Area Authority.

642 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other  
643 fees required by law. This special fee shall be collected by the division and deposited in the State  
644 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 (52) The division may issue special registration plates to present and former Boy Scouts  
648 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

664 (B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10 in addition to all other  
665 fees 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 fees required by this chapter.

(54) The division may issue special registration plates recognizing and memorializing 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.

(B) The division shall charge a special initial application fee of \$10. 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 fees required 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 the American 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 fees required by this chapter.

(57) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for horse enthusiasts 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 in addition 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 subsection (d) of this section are not applicable for the issuance of the special license plates designated by this subdivision.

(59) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for retired or former Justices of 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 in addition to all other fees required by this chapter.

(D) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section are not applicable for the issuance of the special 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

744 plate:

745 (i) The organization must be a nonprofit organization organized and existing under Section  
746 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code and based, headquartered or have a chapter  
747 in West Virginia;

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

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

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

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

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

761 (B) Beginning July 1, 2010, an organization requesting the creation and issuance of a  
762 special registration plate may make application with the division. The application shall include  
763 sufficient information, as determined by the commissioner, to determine whether the special  
764 registration plate requested and the organization making the application meet all of the  
765 requirements set forth in this subdivision (60). The application shall also include a proposed  
766 design, including lettering, logo, image or message to be placed on the registration plate. The  
767 commissioner shall notify the organization of the commissioners approval or disapproval of the  
768 application.

769 (C)(i) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates

authorized and approved pursuant to this subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section until the organization which applied for the special registration plate has collected and submitted collectively to the division applications completed by at least two hundred fifty 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.

(E) The division shall charge an annual fee of \$15 for each special registration plate in 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 (60) if:

(i) The number of valid registrations for the specialty plate falls below two hundred fifty plates for at least twelve consecutive months; or

(ii) The organization no longer exists or no longer meets the requirements of this



796 subdivision.

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

799 (1) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates for  
800 which eligibility is based on membership or affiliation with a particular private organization until at  
801 least one hundred persons complete an application and deposit with the organization a check to  
802 cover the first year's basic registration, one-time design and manufacturing costs and to cover the  
803 first year additional annual fee. If the organization fails to submit the required number of  
804 applications with attached checks within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing  
805 legislation, the plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided,*  
806 That an organization or group that is unsuccessful in obtaining the minimum number of  
807 applications may not request reconsideration of a special plate until at least two years have  
808 passed since the effective date of the original authorization: *Provided, however,* That the  
809 provisions of this subdivision (1) are not applicable to the issuance of plates authorized pursuant  
810 to subdivision (60), subsection (c) of this section.

811 (2) The commissioner may not begin the design or production of any license plates  
812 authorized by this section for which membership or affiliation with a particular organization is not  
813 required until at least two hundred fifty registrants complete an application and deposit a fee with  
814 the division to cover the first year's basic registration fee, one-time design and manufacturing fee  
815 and additional annual fee if applicable. If the commissioner fails to receive the required number  
816 of applications within six months of the effective date of the original authorizing legislation, the  
817 plate will not be produced and will require legislative reauthorization: *Provided,* That if the  
818 minimum number of applications is not satisfied within the six months of the effective date of the  
819 original authorizing legislation, a person may not request reconsideration of a special plate until  
820 at least two years have passed since the effective date of the original authorization.

821 (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 ten-year registration plates as follows:

(1) The commissioner may issue or renew for a period of no more than ten 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 section three-a, article ten of this chapter: *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 section three, article two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or failure to pay personal property taxes as required by section three-a of this article.

(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 section fifteen, article ten of this chapter, section three, article three of this chapter or section three-a, article ten of this chapter 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 section three, article two-a, chapter seventeen-d of this code or from paying personal property taxes on any motor vehicle as required by section three-a of this article.

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the issuance of a special volunteer fire fighter registration plate for a five-year period.

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