

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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### **Senate Bill 235**

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to the Committee on Government Organization; and  
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-10-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to providing that, after its initial registration, the annual registration fees of motorcycles are  
3 owed in the same month as the original registration.

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

1 That §17A-10-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 10. FEES FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING, ETC.**

**§17A-10-3. Registration fees for vehicles equipped with pneumatic tires.**

1 The following registration fees for the classes indicated shall be paid to the division for the  
2 registration of vehicles subject to registration under this chapter when equipped with pneumatic  
3 tires:

4 (a) Registration fees for the following classes shall be paid to the division annually:

5 (1) *Class A.* — The registration fee for motor vehicles of this class is \$28.50: *Provided,*  
6 That the registration fees and any other fees required by this chapter for Class A vehicles under  
7 the optional biennial staggered registration system shall be multiplied by two and paid biennially  
8 to the division.

9 No license fee may be charged for vehicles owned by churches, or by trustees for  
10 churches, which are regularly used for transporting parishioners to and from church services.  
11 Notwithstanding the exemption, the certificate of registration and license plates shall be obtained  
12 the same as other cards and plates under this article.

13 (2) *Class B.* — The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

14 (A) For declared gross weights of ten thousand one pounds to sixteen thousand pounds  
15 — \$28 plus \$5 for each one thousand pounds or fraction of one thousand pounds that the gross  
16 weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds ten thousand pounds.

17 (B) For declared gross weights greater than sixteen thousand pounds, but less than fifty-  
18 five thousand pounds -- \$78.50 plus \$10 for each one thousand or fraction of one thousand

19 pounds that the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds sixteen thousand  
20 pounds.

21 (C) For declared gross weights of fifty-five thousand pounds or more — \$737.50 plus  
22 \$15.75 for each one thousand pounds or fraction of one thousand pounds that the gross weight  
23 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds fifty-five thousand pounds.

24 (3) *Class G.* — The registration fee for each motorcycle or parking enforcement vehicle is  
25 \$8: *Provided*, That the registration fee and any other fees required by this chapter for Class G  
26 vehicles shall be for at least one year and under an optional biennial registration system the  
27 annual fee shall be multiplied by two and paid biennially to the division: *Provided, however, That*  
28 *after a motorcycle has been initially registered, the annual fees owed thereafter shall be owed in*  
29 *the same month that the motorcycle was originally registered.*

30 (4) *Class H.* — The registration fee for all vehicles for this class operating entirely within  
31 the state is \$5; and for vehicles engaged in interstate transportation of persons, the registration  
32 fee is the amount of the fees provided by this section for Class B, reduced by the amount that the  
33 mileage of the vehicles operated in states other than West Virginia bears to the total mileage  
34 operated by the vehicles in all states under a formula to be established by the Division of Motor  
35 Vehicles.

36 (5) *Class J.* — The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is \$85. Ambulances  
37 and hearses used exclusively as ambulances and hearses are exempt from the special fees set  
38 forth in this section.

39 (6) *Class M.* — The registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$17.50.

40 (7) *Class X.* — The registration fee for all motor vehicles of this class is as follows:

41 (A) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of eight thousand one pounds to sixteen  
42 thousand pounds — \$30.

43 (B) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of sixteen thousand one pounds to twenty-  
44 two thousand pounds — \$60.

45 (C) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of twenty-two thousand one pounds to  
46 twenty-eight thousand pounds — \$90.

47 (D) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of twenty-eight thousand one pounds to  
48 thirty-four thousand pounds — \$115.

49 (E) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of thirty-four thousand one pounds to forty-  
50 four thousand pounds — \$160.

51 (F) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of forty-four thousand one pounds to fifty-  
52 four thousand pounds — \$205.

53 (G) For farm trucks of declared gross weights of fifty-four thousand one pounds to eighty  
54 thousand pounds — \$250: *Provided*, That the provisions of subsection (a), section eight, article  
55 one, chapter seventeen-e of this code do not apply if the vehicle exceeds sixty-four thousand  
56 pounds and is a truck tractor or road tractor.

57 (b) Registration fees for the following classes shall be paid to the division for a maximum  
58 period of three years, or portion of a year based on the number of years remaining in the three-  
59 year period designated by the commissioner:

60 (1) *Class R.* — The annual registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$12.

61 (2) *Class T.* — The annual registration fee for all vehicles of this class is \$8.

62 (c) The fees paid to the division for a multiyear registration provided by this chapter shall  
63 be the same as the annual registration fee established by this section and any other fee required  
64 by this chapter multiplied by the number of years for which the registration is issued.

65 (d) The registration fee for all Class C vehicles is \$50. All Class C trailers shall be  
66 registered for the duration of the owner's interest in the trailer and do not expire until either sold  
67 or otherwise permanently removed from the service of the owner: *Provided*, That a registrant may  
68 transfer a Class C registration plate from a trailer owned less than thirty days to another Class C  
69 trailer titled in the name of the registrant upon payment of the transfer fee prescribed in section  
70 ten of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that after its initial registration the annual registration fees of motorcycles are owed in the same month as the original registration. The bill provides that, in that way, motorcycles would be treated the same as other motor vehicles.

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