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Senate Bill 590

FISCAL
NOTE

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[Introduced March 13, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §17A-2-24, relating to requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Motor
 3 Vehicles to create a special registration plate for full-size special purpose off-road
 4 vehicles, self-assembled or modified original equipment manufactured vehicles, that
 5 would give the vehicles the same limited access to roads as all-terrain vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §17A-2-24, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

**§17A-2-24. Special registration plates for full-size special purpose off-road vehicles, self-
 assembled or modified original equipment manufactured vehicles.**

1 (a) The commissioner shall make available a special registration plate that would allow
 2 full-size special purpose off-road vehicles, self-assembled or modified original equipment
 3 manufactured vehicles that would otherwise not qualify to be registered as a Class A vehicle
 4 under the provisions of article three, chapter seventeen-a of this code, that allows the same limited
 5 access to roads as all-terrain vehicles have under article one, chapter seventeen-f of this code.

6 (b) The commissioner shall charge an annual fee of \$30 for the plate, or may issue a
 7 lifetime plate for the vehicle at a fee to be determined by the commissioner in a legislative rule.

8 (c) The plate is required to drive the vehicle on public lands that are opened for use by all-
 9 terrain vehicles after the effective date of this section.

10 (d) The commissioner shall propose for legislative promulgation rules necessary to
 11 implement this section. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, safety, emission and noise
 12 reduction equipment a vehicle must have to qualify for a plate issued under this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to create a special registration plate for full-size special purpose off-road vehicles, self-assembled or modified original equipment manufactured vehicles, that would give the

vehicles the same limited access to roads as all-terrain 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.