

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 689

By Senators Woodrum and Deeds

[Introduced February 7, 2024; referred
to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to adding a 50-cent service fee to the registration or renewal of certain classes of
 3 automobiles for deposit into the West Virginia Deputy Sheriff's Retirement Fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION, SHERIFFS
 AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN
 VEHICLES.**

**§17A-3-17. Application for and renewal of registration; sheriffs authorized to issue
 renewals of registration for certain vehicles.**

1 (a) Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the vehicle owner by
 2 proper application and payment of taxes and registration fees provided by law.

3 (b) The division may receive applications for renewal of any vehicle registration and each
 4 sheriff shall receive applications from residents in his or her county for renewal of any Class A or G
 5 vehicle registration. The division and each sheriff shall issue the renewals of registration each
 6 receives, respectively, in accordance with all of the provisions in this article pertaining to renewal
 7 of vehicle registration including, but not limited to, the payment of the taxes and fees required
 8 thereunder.

9 (c) Each sheriff shall charge a service fee of \$1 for each renewal of a Class A or G vehicle
 10 registration he or she issues. Effective July 1, 1998, the sheriff shall pay one half of this fee into the
 11 county general fund. The sheriff shall pay the remaining one half of this fee into the deputy sheriff
 12 retirement fund created in section six, article fourteen-d, chapter seven of this code.

13 (d) Effective July 1, 2024, the division shall charge a fee of \$0.50 for each year of renewal
 14 of a Class A or G vehicle registration issued. On the first day of each month, the division shall pay
 15 the service fees collected to the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board. The West
 16 Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board shall deposit these funds into the West Virginia

17 Deputy Sheriff's Retirement Fund.

18 ~~(d)~~ (e) On the first day of each month, each sheriff shall pay over to the commissioner all
19 fees he or she collected during the preceding month for renewal of Class A and G vehicle
20 registrations, except his or her service fees. The payment shall be accompanied by a report
21 showing the name of the county, the name and address of the person who obtained the
22 registration and paid the registration fee therefor, the vehicle registered, the registration number,
23 the date the registration was issued, the signature of the sheriff and any other information the
24 commissioner may reasonably require in order to maintain the functions and records of the
25 department. The commissioner shall deposit all fees he or she receives from the sheriffs for
26 renewal of Class A and G vehicle registrations in the State Treasury to the credit of the state road
27 fund as provided in section twenty-one, article two of this chapter.

28 ~~(e)~~ (f) The commissioner shall provide each sheriff with the necessary forms, supplies,
29 registration plates, registration decals and instructions necessary to enable him or her to perform
30 the duties and functions specified in this section.

31 ~~(f)~~ (g) No person may display upon a vehicle a new registration plate or registration decal
32 prior to the first day of the month preceding the new registration period.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add a \$0.50 service fee to the registration or renewal of certain classes of automobiles for deposit into the West Virginia Deputy Sheriff's Retirement Fund.

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