

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2137

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Holstein

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred
to the Committee on Energy and Public Works]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to permitting the creation of a special license plate for 100% disabled veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**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. suspension of
registration; electronic signatures.**

- 1 (a) The division, upon registering a vehicle, shall issue to the owner one registration plate
2 with a registration number consisting of a combination of letters, numerals, symbols, or characters
3 in a configuration determined by the commissioner.

- 4 (b) Registration plates shall meet the following requirements:

- 5 (1) Plates must incorporate reflectorized material.

- 6 (2) Registration numbers shall be plainly readable from 100 feet during daylight.

- 7 (3) The commissioner may assign any additional feature to facilitate reciprocal
8 agreements, facilitate interstate travel, promote highway safety, or promote the efficient operation
9 of the division.

- 10 (4) The commissioner may issue special registration plates for 100% disabled veterans as
11 follows:

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

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

17 Road Fund.

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

20 (D) There will be no minimum number of applications required prior to design and
21 production of a special license plate for 100% disabled veterans.

22 (c) The commissioner may suspend the registration of any owner who displays a damaged
23 or illegible plate or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of §17A-3-19 of this code.

24 (d) Any license plate issued or renewed pursuant to this chapter which is paid for by a
25 check that is returned for nonsufficient funds is void without further notice to the applicant. The
26 applicant may not reinstate the registration until the returned check is paid by the applicant in cash,
27 money order, or certified check and all applicable fees assessed as a result thereof have been
28 paid.

29 (e) In furtherance of the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, §39A-1-1 *et seq.* of this code,
30 the division may accept or authorize an electronic signature in any instance the law required to be
31 enforced by the commissioner requires a signature or a pen and ink signature.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a special license plate for 100% disabled veterans.

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