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for

House Bill 2157

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A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to allow the purchase of special one trip or one-way permits to be made and paid for online; and deleting obsolete language.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. SPECIAL STICKERS.

§17A-7-2. Operation of motor vehicles by dealers or other persons under special stickers; application and fees; expiration.

(a) (1) A member of the West Virginia State Police may at any detachment office, upon application therefor on a form prescribed by the commissioner, issue to a licensed dealer or any other person other than those specified in section one of this article, a “one-trip permit” or “one-way permit”, in the form of a paper sticker or decal. ~~to~~

(2) Effective July 1, 2025, the commissioner shall allow these permits to be purchased online and for the required fee to be remitted to the division in an electronic format.

(3) Each permit, sticker, or decal shall be affixed to the left side of the rear window of a motor vehicle or to the left rear of a vehicle which is not self-propelled. Such permit, sticker, or decal shall be of a size to be designated by the commissioner and shall be serially numbered and shall have provision thereon to indicate the date of issuance or date of use thereof.

(b) A fee of $10 per permit, sticker, or decal shall be collected. The Division of Motor Vehicles may adjust the fee for each sticker every five years on September 1, based on the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics most current Consumer Price Index: *Provided*, That an increase in such fee may not exceed ten percent of the total fee amount in a single year. The fees will be dispersed as follows: Half shall be deposited in the State Road Fund and half shall be deposited in the special revenue account within the Division of Highways for the maintenance of the West Virginia welcome centers and rest areas along interstate highways in this state.

(c) Such permit, sticker, or decal shall be valid for forty-eight hours after its issuance, or if purchased online, for a certain specified date, for the operation of a vehicle, whether under its own power or while being towed, shall be valid for transit one time only over the streets or highways of this state or any other jurisdiction, and upon being once affixed to a vehicle shall become invalid for subsequent use on that or any other vehicle.

~~(d) The provisions of this section enacted in 2017 take effect on July 1, 2017~~

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to allow the purchase of one trip special permits to be made and paid online.

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