

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

ENGROSSED

House Bill 3146

By Delegate Linville

[Introduced March 04, 2025; referred to the
Committee on Energy and Public Works then
Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to reducing the number of applicants of a military organization for a special plate
3 from 100 to 50, upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of 50
4 applicants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. ORIGINAL AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION; ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.**

§17A-3-14b. Special registration plates for military personnel.

1 (a) The division may continue to issue special plates for any plate class authorized by
2 enactments of §17A-3-14 of this code prior to the year 2023 for active, retired, or honorably
3 discharged military personnel, or the next of kin of a member of any branch of the armed services
4 of the United States killed in combat. The division shall charge an initial application fee of \$10 for
5 each special registration plate issued pursuant to this section, which is in addition to all other fees
6 required by this chapter. A surviving spouse may continue to use his or her deceased spouse's
7 military license plate until the surviving spouse dies, remarries, or does not renew the license
8 plate.

9 (b) The applicant shall present documentation as determined by the commissioner as
10 evidence of qualification for any plate authorized in this section.

11 (c) The division may issue a special registration plate pursuant to this section to any
12 number of vehicles titled in the name of the applicant.

13 (d) If a new special plate as authorized in this section recognizes members of a military
14 organization chartered by the United States Congress, the division may produce such plate upon
15 receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of ~~400~~ 50 applicants.

16 (e) A Gold star spouse shall be exempt from all registration fees otherwise required by the
17 provisions of this chapter for the registration of one Gold Star Family license plate for personal

18 use. For purposes of this section, a "Gold star spouse" means a widow (remarried or not) or
19 widower (remarried or not) of a veteran who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel pin under 10
20 U.S.C. § 1126 (or its successor).