

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 464**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senators Morris, Deeds, Fuller, and Hamilton

[Introduced February 14, 2025; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated as §17A-3-14j, relating to the issuance of special plates to recipients of the  
3 distinguished Medal of Valor.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

**§17A-3-14j. Special medal of valor honorary plates.**

- 1 (a) The division may issue special plates to recipients of the distinguished Medal of Valor  
2 awarded under §29-32-1 to firefighters, law-enforcement officers, and emergency medical  
3 services personnel who distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the  
4 risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of their duties. A surviving  
5 spouse may continue to use the license plate of his or her deceased spouse that was issued  
6 pursuant to this section until the surviving spouse dies, remarries, or does not renew the license  
7 plate.
- 8 (b) A qualified applicant may obtain a second license plate as described in this section for  
9 use on a passenger vehicle titled in the name of the applicant. The division shall charge for the  
10 second plate a one-time fee of \$10, to be deposited into the State Road Fund, which is in addition  
11 to all other fees required by this chapter.
- 12 (c) The applicant shall present satisfactory proof as determined by the commissioner as  
13 evidence of qualification for any plate authorized in this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the commissioner to issue special plates to recipients of the distinguished Medal of Valor awarded under §29-32-1 of this code to firefighters, law-enforcement officers, and emergency medical services personnel.

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