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SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Senate Amendments in [] — July 6, 1994

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ [46.2-726,] 46.2-750, 46.2-751, and 46.2-1549.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to government-owned motor vehicles, license plates for such vehicles, and motor vehicle dealer's promotional license plates.*

Patrons—Martin, Andrews, Chichester, Earley and Waddell; Delegates: Grayson and Hamilton

Referred to the Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ [46.2-726,] 46.2-750, 46.2-751, and 46.2-1549.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

[§ 46.2-726. Special license plates with reserved numbers or letters.

The Commissioner may, in his discretion, reserve license plates with certain registration numbers or letters or combinations thereof for issuance to persons , *including, but not necessarily limited to elected officials*, requesting license plates so numbered and lettered.

Special license plates may be issued under this section for and displayed on vehicles operated as ambulances by private ambulance services.]

§ 46.2-750. Vehicles of Commonwealth and subdivisions.

A. Motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers owned by the Commonwealth and political subdivisions thereof and used solely for governmental purposes shall be registered and shall display license plates as provided in this section. The fee for such license plates shall be equal to the cost incurred by the Department in the purchase or manufacture of such license plates. The fees received by the Commissioner under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth, except plates issued to be used (i) on vehicles devoted solely to police work, (ii) by the Department of Economic Development to the extent approved by the Governor, or (iii) by the Governor and the Attorney General, shall have conspicuously and legibly inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon words stating that the vehicle is for official state use only. The Commissioner shall reserve a unique series of numbers for use on such license plates and shall provide for a design and combination of colors which distinguish such license plates from those issued for vehicles owned by the counties, cities, and towns of the Commonwealth.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by counties, cities, and towns, except such plates issued to be used on vehicles devoted solely to police work, shall have conspicuously and legibly inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon words stating that the vehicle is for official local government use only. The Commissioner shall reserve a unique series of numbers for use on such license plates and shall provide for a design and combination of colors which distinguish such license plates from those issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth.

License plates issued for vehicles owned by the Commonwealth and the counties, cities, and towns thereof which have inscribed, stamped, or printed thereon the words, "Public Use," may be used only on the vehicle for which they were issued prior to January 1, 1990, but in no case shall such license plates be used for any vehicle after December 31, 1992.

No other license plates shall be used on vehicles for which official use plates have been issued, except for vehicles used solely for police work *and as provided in subsection B of this section.*

B. In addition to any other license plate authorized by this section, the Commissioner may issue permanent or temporary license plates for use on vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or any of its departments, institutions, boards, or agencies and used for security or transportation purposes in conjunction with conferences, meetings, or other events involving the Governor or members of the General Assembly. The design of these license plates shall be at the discretion of the Commissioner. These license plates shall be issued under the following conditions:

1. For each set of permanent license plates issued, the Commissioner shall charge a fee of \$100. The Commissioner shall limit the validity of any set of license plates issued under this subdivision to no more than thirty consecutive days. The Commissioner's written authorization for use of any set of license plates issued under this subdivision shall be kept in the vehicle on which the license plates are displayed until expiration of the authorization.

2. The Commissioner shall limit the validity of each set of temporary license plates to no more than fourteen consecutive days. For each set of temporary license plates, the Commissioner shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars for the first set and two dollars for each additional set. The Commissioner's written authorization for use of any set of license plates issued under this subdivision shall be kept in

61 *the vehicle on which the license plates are displayed until expiration of the authorization.*

62 § 46.2-751. State-owned passenger vehicles.

63 ~~The~~ *Except as provided in subsection B of § 46.2-750, the* Commissioner shall not issue any license
64 plates for use on vehicles owned by the Commonwealth or any of its departments, institutions, boards,
65 or agencies and used for passenger transportation unless written application has been filed with the
66 Governor showing the necessity for the use and unless the Governor has directed the Commissioner to
67 issue the license plates.

68 § 46.2-1549.1. Dealer's promotional license plates.

69 In addition to any other license plate authorized by this article, the Commissioner may issue
70 *permanent or temporary* dealer's promotional license plates to a ~~dealership~~ *dealer* for use on vehicles
71 held for sale or resale in the ~~dealership's~~ *dealer's* inventory. The design of these license plates shall be
72 at the discretion of the Commissioner. These license plates shall be for use as authorized by the
73 Commissioner. *These plates shall be issued under the following conditions:*

74 1. For each ~~such~~ *permanent* promotional license plate issued or renewed, the Commissioner shall
75 charge an annual fee of \$100. Issuance of license plates pursuant to this ~~section~~ *subdivision* shall be
76 subject to the insurance requirement contained in § 46.2-1547. The Commissioner shall limit the validity
77 of any license plate issued under this ~~section~~ *subdivision* to no more than thirty consecutive days. Upon
78 written request from the dealership, the Commissioner may consider an extended use of a license plate
79 issued under this ~~section~~ *subdivision*. The Commissioner's authorization for use of any license plate
80 issued under this ~~section~~ *subdivision* shall be kept in the vehicle on which the license plate is displayed
81 until expiration of the authorization. These license plates shall be included in the number of dealer's
82 license plates authorized under § 46.2-1546 and not in addition thereto.

83 2. *The Commissioner shall limit the validity of each temporary promotional license plate to no more*
84 *than fourteen consecutive days. For each request, the Commissioner shall charge a fee of twenty-five*
85 *dollars for the first plate and two dollars for each additional plate. Issuance of license plates pursuant*
86 *to this subdivision shall be subject to the insurance requirement contained in § 46.2-1547. The*
87 *Commissioner's authorization for use of any license plate issued under this subdivision shall be kept in*
88 *the vehicle on which the license plate is displayed until expiration of the authorization. License plates*
89 *issued under this subdivision shall not be included in the number of dealer's license plates authorized*
90 *under § 46.2-1546.*

91 **2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.**