



# MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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## COURTESY WARNING

- Failure to comply may lead to criminal and/or civil penalties
- Our department will return after 30 days to examine your vehicle registration

Dear Automobile Owner, \_\_\_\_\_:  
(printed name(s) of registered owner(s), if known)

The West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, under Chapter 17A, Article 3, Section 1a of the Motor Vehicle Code, as amended, states that motor vehicles must be registered in this State within thirty (30) days after the owner has taken up residency in West Virginia. If you are living in Morgan County for more than thirty days, these regulations apply to you and your motor vehicle(s).

The only exceptions are:

1. **Military personnel** temporarily assigned in West Virginia, with valid military identification, and whose permanent residence is in another state;
2. **Farm vehicles**, which are covered under a separate chapter and section in the Motor Vehicle Code;
3. **Dealers** transporting vehicles through the state;
4. **Government-owned vehicles** utilizing their own registration plates;
5. **Overhead electric trolley vehicles**;
6. **Migrant farm worker vehicles** which are registered under separate Motor Vehicle Code;
7. **Non-resident visitors** who are passing thru, and will not be in the state more than thirty (30) days.

If you do not fall into one of the exemptions listed above, you are **required** to transfer your registration to West Virginia, immediately. This may be done through the local DMV office. This is a courtesy warning, and our department **will** return after 30 days to assure compliance. Failure to comply will result in criminal charges and/or civil sanctions. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered State: \_\_\_\_\_ Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy: (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_