



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 484

SENATE BILL NO. 23

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1029

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Towards Education;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Towards Education new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates shall contain the official Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Active Towards Education, Inc., ("C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E.") logo "dyin 2b seen" or other appropriate design representative of C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E. and shall be designed in consultation with C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Towards Education new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E., in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used to assist motorcyclists involved in accidents caused by uninsured motorists with cost of living expenses while the motorcyclists are unable to work. The Board of Trustees of C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E., as appointed by the board of directors, shall administer the collection and disposition of the funds allocated pursuant to this section.

(d) Subject to the requirements of § 55-4-201, the commissioner is authorized and shall issue a license plate to an owner or lessee of a motorcycle who is otherwise eligible for a Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/American Bikers Towards Education plate under this section; provided, however, that the owner or lessee shall comply with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motorcycles and shall pay the regular fee applicable to motorcycles and the applicable fee specified in § 55-4-203 prior to the issuance of the plate. The motorcycle plates authorized by this subsection shall be substantially the same in design and configuration, allowing for variations due to size restrictions, as the regular motor vehicle registration plates authorized by § 55-4-202(c)(7), as applicable.

(e) For the purposes of § 55-4-201(h)(1), all license plates authorized or issued pursuant to subsections (a) and (d) shall be included jointly in any determinations for initial issuance and continuation of issuance.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee Tech University;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Tech University new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall contain the official colors and Athletic Eagle Head logo of Tennessee Tech University and shall include language referencing the university's Centennial Celebration in an appropriate design. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with a representative from Tennessee Tech University's Creative Services division.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Tech University Foundation in accordance with § 55-4-215 to be used to support initiatives that directly relate to the goals established by the Complete College Act of 2010.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is certified as a member or alumni member of the Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The application for these license plates shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the commissioner, certifying the applicant to be a member or alumni member of the fraternity pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or other design representative of the Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the board of directors of the Alpha Eta Rho Foundation.

(d) The funds produced from the sale of Alpha Eta Rho International Aviation Fraternity new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Alpha Eta Rho Foundation pursuant to § 55-4-215, for distribution to the Tennessee chapters of the fraternity. The funds shall be used to further the fraternity's educational goals for the future of collegiate aviation in Tennessee, including supporting educational and scholarship programs.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Vanderbilt University Athletic Department;

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Vanderbilt University Athletic

Department new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Vanderbilt University Athletic Department new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Vanderbilt University Board of Trust, in accordance with § 55-4-215, for distribution to the Vanderbilt University Athletic Department. The funds shall be used exclusively to fund scholarships for student athletes at Vanderbilt University.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Northwest Tennessee Disaster Services;

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Northwest Tennessee Disaster Services new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed with the assistance of Northwest Tennessee Disaster Services.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Northwest Tennessee Disaster Services new specialty earmarked license plates pursuant to § 55-4-215 shall be allocated to Northwest Tennessee Disaster Services for the sole purpose of disaster relief efforts.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-248, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (f):

(f) Upon the death of the spouse who was entitled to receive the Masons new specialty earmarked license plate, the widow shall be entitled to receive a Masons new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle owned or leased by such widow, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the death certificate.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Suicide Prevention;

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Suicide Prevention new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or other design representative of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) and the Jason Foundation. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) and the president of the Jason Foundation.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Suicide Prevention new specialty earmarked license plates pursuant to § 55-4-215 shall be allocated to the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) for the sole purpose of promoting the cause of suicide prevention in this state. The funds shall be used to further TSPN's awareness and education efforts in this state, including, but not limited to, local suicide prevention training sessions, support groups, debriefing sessions, and statewide awareness campaigns.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Safe Schools;

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-4-____.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Safe Schools new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain the logo "Safe Schools" and shall be designed in consultation with the department of education.

(c) There is created a special account within the general fund to be known as the "school safety account," referred to in this section as the "account". The funds produced from the sale of Safe Schools new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the department of education and deposited in the account. Amounts remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund. Money in the account shall be invested by the state treasurer pursuant to title 9, chapter 4, part 6 for the sole benefit of the account. All earnings attributable to such investments shall be credited to the account.

(d) The owners or lessees of motor vehicles who obtain new specialty earmarked license plates pursuant to this section may designate that the proceeds from the fees shall be allocated to a particular named school. The department of education shall remit the proceeds to the local education agency operating the named school, and the local school board shall allocate the proceeds for the benefit of the named school, and shall make the funds available to the school. Any undesignated proceeds from the fees shall be distributed to the local education agency according to the average daily attendance of schools which serve the counties in which the proceeds were generated.

(e) The funds shall be used solely for implementing safety upgrades at schools, hiring school resource officers, improving school security, and providing resources for school safety plans and teams.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Harpeth River Watershed Association;

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Harpeth River Watershed Association new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates shall be of an appropriate design representative of the Harpeth River Watershed Association. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Harpeth River Watershed Association.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Harpeth River Watershed Association new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Harpeth River Watershed Association, in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used for restoring and protecting the ecological health of the Harpeth River and clean water in Tennessee.

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Harpeth River Watershed Association new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this section shall have two (2) years from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2015, whichever is later, to meet applicable initial issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

(e) Section 55-4-201(f) shall not apply to the new specialty earmarked license plate authorized by this section.

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates shall contain the logo or other appropriate design representative of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the executive officers of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes research.

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee Theatre;

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Theatre new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates shall be of an appropriate design representative of the Tennessee Theatre. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee Theatre.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Tennessee Theatre new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Theatre, in accordance with § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to benefit and further the goals of the Tennessee Theatre.

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Adoption;

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c), to recognize and encourage the compassionate practice of adoption.

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed to recognize the benevolent aspects of adoption. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with distinguished adoption entities.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated equally to the Adoption Foundation of Tennessee, Inc., and Harmony Adoptions of Tennessee, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to facilitate adoption in Tennessee.

(d) Section 55-4-201(f) shall not apply to the new specialty earmarked license plate authorized by this section.

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Sons of the American Revolution;

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates shall be of an appropriate design representative of the Gadsden flag, and shall include the language "Don't Tread on Me." Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the executive officers of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used to promote the activities of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, to include youth programs and patriot grave identification, location, documentation and marking.

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-306, is amended by deleting subsections (c) and (d) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Choose Life new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to New Life Resources in accordance with § 55-4-215. New Life Resources is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in 1995 to provide resources for women and families facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. The funds shall be used exclusively for counseling and financial assistance, including food, clothing, and medical assistance for pregnant women in Tennessee; coordinating statewide awareness campaigns and a toll-free helpline; and reimbursing social service providers who prepare adoptions throughout the state for services and programs targeting at-risk women and families.

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces, or a civilian veteran of the United States army corps of engineers, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an honorably discharged veteran registration plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c). A surviving spouse of such a deceased honorably discharged veteran, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon paying the regular fee applicable to the vehicle and the fee prescribed by § 55-4-203, and upon providing a copy of the death certificate of the deceased honorably discharged veteran, shall be issued a registration plate pursuant to this section, until the surviving spouse remarries.

(b) All applications pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by orders or a statement of discharge from the appropriate branch of the United States armed forces classifying the applicant as an honorably discharged veteran, or by orders or official documentation from the United States army corps of engineers classifying the applicant as a civilian veteran; provided, that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces or a surviving spouse of an honorably

discharged veteran of the United States armed forces shall be required to submit the required documentation only when initially applying for registration plates under this section and subsequent registration plates under this section shall be issued to that person without the repeated presentation of the required documentation. This subsection (b) shall not apply in the case of an application by a surviving spouse in which the deceased honorably discharged veteran had been issued a license plate or license plates under this section.

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-374, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-365, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Autism Awareness new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-368, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the "I RECYCLE" new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-361, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Almost Home Animal Rescue new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this section shall have until July 1, 2014, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-358, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Tennessee Tennis new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-360, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the East Tennessee Children's Hospital new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-313(f), is amended by deleting the language "July 1, 2013," and by substituting instead the language "July 1, 2014,".

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-347, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Historic Collierville new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2014, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 36. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 37. Sections 28 through 35 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. All remaining sections of this act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 23

PASSED: April 19, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2013



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