

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 604

SENATE BILL NO. 1028

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1207

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to motor and other vehicles.

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:

(_) Recreational vehicle;

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

Section __. (a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the 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 Section 55-4-203, shall be issued a recreational vehicle new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by Section 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain a design of a recreational vehicle and include the language "Let's Go Camping" on the face of such plates and shall be designed in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Tourist Development.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such recreational vehicle new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Department of Tourist Development in accordance with the provisions of Section 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to promote camping and the use of recreational vehicles in Tennessee's state parks and other prominent tourism destinations. The department shall consult with the Tennessee Association of RV Parks and with the Family Campers and RVers (FCRV) organization in determining how the funds shall be allocated.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by deleting § 55-4-241 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 55-4-241. An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who is a member of a volunteer fire department or full-

time firefighting unit, or another bona fide firefighter, including a paid, paid-on-call, or volunteer firefighter, or a bona fide retired firefighter, shall be issued a special "firefighter" registration plate, as provided for in this part, upon proof of current membership in a firefighting unit, or upon proof of former membership in a firefighting unit from which such owner or lessee is a retired member in good standing, and upon compliance with state motor vehicle registration and licensing laws and payment of the applicable registration fee under § 55-4-111.

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

() Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Alpha Omicron Pi new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plate provided for in this section shall contain the rose logo or other appropriate design representative of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the sorority.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(C), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(vii) Ohio State University;

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

(_) "Driving To A Cure" (Pink Ribbon);

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

Section 55-4-2__. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 55-4-201(f), 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 "Driving To A Cure" 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 include the phrase "Driving To A Cure" in an appropriate design. Such plates shall also include a pictorial representation of the universally recognized symbol for breast cancer awareness, the pink ribbon.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Affiliates of the Susan G. Komen Foundation in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to provide grants to Tennessee organizations that were grantees of the Susan G. Komen Foundation before April 30, 2007, and continue to be grantees of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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

(_) For a Lifetime;

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the 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 Section 55-4-203, shall be issued a For a Lifetime new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by Section 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain a design and include the language "For a Lifetime" on the face of such plates and shall be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Commission on Aging and Disability and Project C.A.R.E. (Community Alliance for Reaching the Elderly).

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such For a Lifetime new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Commission on Aging and Disability in accordance with the provisions of Section 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to fund the commission's efforts on behalf of older adults and disabled persons in this state.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Trout Unlimited;

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2_. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Trout Unlimited 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 official Trout Unlimited logo or other appropriate design representative of the organization and shall be designed in consultation with the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Trout Unlimited new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated in equal amounts to the Tennessee chapters of Trout Unlimited in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively in Tennessee by the Tennessee chapters of Trout Unlimited to further the organization's mission to conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Friends of the Natchez Trace Parkway;

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2_. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Friends of the Natchez Trace Parkway 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 of an appropriate design to commemorate the natural beauty, landscape features, and historical significance of the Natchez Trace Parkway and shall be designed in consultation with the Natchez Trace Parkway Association.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Friends of the Natchez Trace Parkway new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Natchez Trace Parkway Association in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to support the organization's programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Nashville Predators;

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the 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 Nashville Predators 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 an executive of the Nashville Predators.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Nashville Predators Foundation to be used in furtherance of such organization's activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-201, is amended by deleting subsection (g) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(g) The provisions of subdivision (b)(3) and subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (h) shall not apply to the following plates issued pursuant to this part:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle;
- (2) Dealer;
- (3) Disabled;
- (4) Emergency;
- (5) Military;
- (6) Firefighter as provided for in § 55-4-241;
- (7) General assembly;
- (8) Government service;
- (9) Honorary consular;
- (10) Judiciary;
- (11) Memorial;
- (12) Metropolitan council;
- (13) National Guard;
- (14) Sheriff;

(15) United States House of Representatives;

(16) United States judge; and

(17) United States Senate.

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(H), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(xvi) Women Veterans of America;

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(P) Women Veterans of America pursuant to Section 30 of this act;

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety.

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

Section 55-4-____. (a) A distinctive license plate is authorized for any person who is a member of the Women Veterans of America, if such person is currently a resident of Tennessee and is otherwise qualified to register and license a motor vehicle pursuant to this title.

(b) The registration plates provided for in this section shall bear the legend "Women Veterans of America".

(c) The registration plate authorized pursuant to this section shall be issued upon payment of the regular registration fee pursuant to this chapter and the additional fee prescribed by § 55-4-203(c)(1), and submission of information in accordance with subsection (d).

(d) For issuance of a license plate pursuant to this section, all applications shall contain such information as the commissioner shall require proving the eligibility of the applicant as a member of the Women Veterans of America.

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

() Civil War Preservation;

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

Section 55-4-2___. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Civil

War Preservation 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 of an appropriate design to commemorate the historical and cultural significance of the American Civil War. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Civil War Preservation new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used for Tennessee Civil War battlefield preservation and interpretation, and for planning and implementation of Tennessee's Civil War sesquicentennial commemoration and activities.

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

() Historic Franklin;

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

Section 55-4-2___. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued an Historic Franklin 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 of an appropriate design representative of historic Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee, and shall include the language "Historic Franklin". Such plates shall be designed in consultation with Franklin Tomorrow, Inc.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Historic Franklin new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Franklin Tomorrow, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively for Franklin Tomorrow's community-wide effort to create and implement a shared vision for the future of Franklin, Tennessee.

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault);

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 55-4-2__. (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 101st Airborne Division 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 be designed in consultation with 101st Airborne Association.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of 101st Airborne Division new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to 101st Airborne Association in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215.

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Diabetes Awareness;

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2__. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Diabetes Awareness 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 of an appropriate design to raise and promote diabetes awareness and shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee Division of the American Diabetes Association.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Diabetes Awareness new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Division of the American Diabetes Association in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to support the organization's programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) Sandhill Crane;

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2__. (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 Sandhill Crane 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 a likeness of the Sandhill Crane and shall include the crane's scientific name "Grus canadensis".

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be deposited in the Wildlife Resources Fund established pursuant to § 70-1-401, to be used exclusively for management, protection, propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife species, including the sandhill crane, and the protection and enhancement of such species' habitats.

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Green McAdoo Cultural Center;

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2___. (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 in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Green McAdoo Cultural Center 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 of an appropriate design to raise and promote awareness of the Green McAdoo Cultural Center and shall be designed in consultation with the Green McAdoo Cultural Center.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Green McAdoo Cultural Center new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Green McAdoo Cultural Center in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively to support the organization's programs and activities in Tennessee.

SECTION 34. Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the "Support Our Troops" new specialty earmarked license plates, authorized for issuance pursuant to § 55-4-254, shall have until July 1, 2008, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 35. Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the "Sons of the American Revolution" new specialty earmarked license plates, authorized for issuance pursuant to § 55-4-283, shall have until July 1, 2008, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-295, is amended by adding the following language to the end of subdivision (a)(2):

Such new specialty earmarked plates shall also commemorate the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship won by the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers in 2007, which marks the team's seventh national championship.

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-295, is further amended by deleting the subdivision (c)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) The funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates, less the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be appropriated to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Women's Athletics Department in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be earmarked to be used exclusively to fund scholarships for women's athletics at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

SECTION 38. Notwithstanding the time limitations of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (the MED) new specialty earmarked license plates authorized for issuance pursuant to § 55-4-317 shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2008, whichever is later, to meet applicable initial issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() NASCAR;

SECTION 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 55-4-2___. (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 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR), 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 design. The design of the plates shall be subject to the approval of NASCAR and shall additionally afford such trademark protection as NASCAR shall require, as otherwise permitted by law.

(c) The department is authorized to design multiple plates for issuance pursuant to this section, provided that the minimum initial issuance and renewal requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1) shall apply only once to the entire classification of NASCAR plates.

(d) The funds produced from the sale of NASCAR new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215. The percentage of funds allocated pursuant to § 55-4-215(a)(1) from the sale of NASCAR new specialty earmarked license plates shall be distributed in equal shares to:

(1) The Tennessee State Museum Foundation to be used exclusively as recommended by the Tennessee State Museum for the production and procurement of exhibitions and the acquisition of artifacts; and

(2) Speedway Children's Charities in Tennessee in the name of NASCAR and the State of Tennessee.

(e) The provisions of § 55-4-201(f) shall not apply to the NASCAR plates authorized by this section.

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(4), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(H) Holder of the Purple Heart;

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(H), is amended by deleting subdivision (iv) in its entirety and by redesignating the remaining language accordingly.

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(8) Holder of the Purple Heart.

SECTION 44. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (E) in its entirety and by redesignating the remaining language.

SECTION 45. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-239, is amended by deleting the language "special registration plate" wherever such language appears and by substituting instead the language "special memorial registration plate".

SECTION 46. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-239, is further amended by adding the following language as the final sentence of subsection (d):

Special memorial registration plates for holders of the Purple Heart which are issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2007, shall not be subject to the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) special fee, but shall be free of charge pursuant to § 55-4-203(b)(7).

SECTION 47. Sections 34, 35, and 38 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, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 11, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this day of 2007

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 1028 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.