State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 879

HOUSE BILL NO. 1524

By Representatives Matlock, Rogers, Moody, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1474

By Senators Tracy, Overbey, Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to transportation.

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:

( ) VFW;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States ("VFW") 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 Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The funds shall be used in furtherance of the organization's mission to provide support to service members, veterans, and their families in Tennessee.

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

( ) The Fairgrounds Nashville;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 "The Fairgrounds Nashville" 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 bear the image of or a design depicting a racehorse, and shall contain the language "Where Events Make History" and the logo or other appropriate design representative of The Fairgrounds Nashville. The plates shall be designed in consultation with a representative of The Fairgrounds Nashville.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the state fair and exposition

commission within the department of agriculture. The funds shall be used solely to benefit production of an audio tour and documentary series on the history of The Fairgrounds Nashville property and related venues, including the Nashville Flea Market, the Fairgrounds Speedway Nashville, and the Tennessee State Fair.

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

( ) Dollywood Foundation;

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Dollywood Foundation 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 a representative from the Dollywood Foundation.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Dollywood Foundation new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Dollywood Foundation in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used to support and promote childhood literacy through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

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

( ) Eastern Star;

SECTION 8. 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 an Eastern Star 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 or other appropriate design representative of the Tarshish Grand Chapter #1214A, Order of the Eastern Star Modern Free, Inc. The plates shall be designed in consultation with a representative from the Tarshish Grand Chapter #1214A, Order of the Eastern Star Modern Free, Inc.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Eastern Star new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tarshish Grand Chapter #1214A, Order of the Eastern Star Modern Free, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used by the Tarshish Grand Chapter #1214A, Order of the Eastern Star Modern Free, Inc., in furtherance of the organization's community service projects and other activities in this state.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by deleting subdivision (T) in its entirety and substituting instead the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Protecting Rivers and Clean Waters;

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-297, is amended by deleting the language "Harpeth River Watershed Association" in subsections (a) and (d) and substituting instead the language "Protecting Rivers and Clean Waters".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-297(b), is amended by deleting the language "representative of the Harpeth River Watershed Association" and substituting instead the language "representative of the protection of rivers and clean waters".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-297(c), is amended by deleting the language "from the sale of the Harpeth River Watershed Association" and substituting instead the language "from the sale of the Protecting Rivers and Clean Waters".

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

( ) Pat Summitt Foundation;

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Pat Summitt Foundation 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 a representative from the Pat Summitt Foundation.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Pat Summitt Foundation new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Pat Summitt Foundation in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used to award grants to nonprofit organizations that advance research for treatment and a cure for Alzheimer's disease, provide support for patients and caregivers, and educate the public on Alzheimer's disease.

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

( ) Historic Whitehaven;

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 an Historic Whitehaven 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 historic Whitehaven, Shelby County, Tennessee, and shall include the language "Historic Whitehaven". The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives of Whitehaven library and the Memphis Library Foundation.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Historic Whitehaven new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Memphis Library Foundation. The funds shall be used to support Whitehaven library, including any educational, literacy, or community outreach programs or events sponsored or administered by the library.

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) BE NICE;

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 BE NICE 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 Kenrose Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the BE NICE new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Kenrose Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization. The funds shall be used to support and promote character development initiatives within Williamson County schools and the greater Williamson County community.

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Prostate Cancer Awareness;

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Prostate Cancer 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 designed in consultation with a representative from the Man2Man Support Group, Memphis Chapter of Us TOO International prostate cancer education and support network.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the Prostate Cancer Awareness new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to Us TOO International in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used for promoting information, education, and awareness regarding the detection and treatment of prostate cancer, and to provide support for patients and caregivers in the treatment of prostate cancer.

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Fallen Police and Firefighters;

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language 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 Fallen Police and Firefighters new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The Fallen Police and Firefighters new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the department of safety.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Fallen Police and Firefighters new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the department of safety.

(d) The funds shall be used solely for the purpose of providing programs and services to surviving families of Tennessee's fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters, including helping in the healing of family survivors of law enforcement officers and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty in this state, and educating the public about the need to support the law enforcement and firefighting professions and families of fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Firefighter" means any firefighter, whether paid or volunteer; and

(2) "Law enforcement officer" means any officer, employee, or agent of state or local government who has a duty imposed by law to maintain public order, including members of the highway patrol, county law enforcement officials, and local police officers.

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park;

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language 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 Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the Friends of the Cumberland Trails State Park.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Justin P. Wilson Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail State Park new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Friends of the Cumberland Trails State Park.

(d) The funds shall be used solely for the purpose of projects designed to further the Cumberland Trail State Scenic Trail.

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Fallen Linemen;

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language 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 Fallen Linemen new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The Fallen Linemen new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed in consultation with the Foundation of Fallen Electrical Linemen.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of Fallen Linemen new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Foundation of Fallen Electrical Linemen, to be used solely for the purpose of memorializing fallen electrical line workers from Tennessee and providing care for the families from

Tennessee who have lost or are impacted by the severe injury of a loved one in the line of duty.

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Nashville Parks Foundation;

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Nashville Parks Foundation 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 bear the logo or other appropriate design representative of the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Department and its three (3) major facets: recreation, people, and fitness. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Metro Nashville Parks Foundation.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Metro Nashville Parks Foundation. The funds shall be used solely to support the mission and purpose of the Metropolitan Parks and Recreation Department with a focus on conservation, wellness, and social equality.

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Tennessee School Nutrition Association;

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 "Tennessee School Nutrition Association" 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 bear the logo or other appropriate design representative of the Tennessee School Nutrition Association. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee School Nutrition Association.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee School Nutrition Association and shall be used solely to help provide members of the association with resources and training opportunities to better serve the children of Tennessee and to bring public awareness that nutrition is an integral part of education, contributing substantially to the health and well-being of students.

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Down Syndrome Awareness;

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Down Syndrome 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 contain the logo or other appropriate design representative of the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee. The funds shall be used solely to provide education, advocacy, and support resources for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families.

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-287, is amended by deleting the language "Vanderbilt Children's Hospital" wherever it appears in subsections (a)–(c) and substituting instead the language "Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt".

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-287(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by deleting subdivision (OOO) in its entirety and substituting instead the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt;

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) D.A.R.E.;

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new 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 Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) 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 or other appropriate design representative of the Tennessee D.A.R.E. Officers Association.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the D.A.R.E. new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee D.A.R.E. Officers Association.

SECTION 38. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-304, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Make-A-Wish Foundation new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2017, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-254, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Tennessee Tech University new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2017, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum 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 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-246(d), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Historic Collierville new specialty earmarked license plates authorized pursuant to this section shall have until July 1, 2017, or one (1) year from the effective date of this act, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-331, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 The Ohio State 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 bear the official colors and logo of The Ohio State University and shall include the language "OHIO STATE" in an appropriate design. The design of the plates shall be approved by The Ohio State University prior to production, and shall additionally afford the trademark protection as The Ohio State University shall require as otherwise permitted by law. All uses of the colors and logo of The Ohio State University shall inure to the benefit of The Ohio State University.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of the new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Ohio State Alumni Club of Middle Tennessee in accordance with § 55-4-215, to be used exclusively for funding scholarships for students from Tennessee.

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the 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, 2017, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

(e) For purposes of § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Ohio State University new specialty earmarked plates authorized or issued pursuant to this section as it existed prior to the effective date of this act, shall be included jointly in any determinations for initial issuance and continuation of issuance of The Ohio State University new specialty earmarked plates authorized or issued pursuant to this section on or after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-327, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Friends of Sycamore Shoals Historic Area, Inc., 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, 2017, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h)(1).

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-305, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) Notwithstanding § 55-4-201(h)(1), the Rotary International new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this section shall have one (1) year from

the effective date of this act or until July 1, 2017, whichever is later, to meet the applicable minimum 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 44. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act shall be severable.

SECTION 45. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2016

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR