

SENATE BILL 357  
By Cooper

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 55-4-221, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), the special purpose plates issued under this section shall expire on May 31 of each year, and a new plate or plates for the ensuing year may be obtained by the person to whom such expired plate or plates were issued upon application to the registrar of motor vehicles, or the registrar's deputy as provided by law. Issuance of the plates shall begin May 1 of each year, upon payment of the fee provided by law, and proof by the applicant that such applicant is still engaged in business as a manufacturer, transporter, dealer or vehicle preparation service.

(2) In the year in which the issuance of such plates shall be valid for a period of fourteen (14) months pursuant to the provisions of this act, the fee

provided by law shall be computed as seven-sixths (7/6) times the regular annual fee. The intent of this subdivision is to provide that the annual fee be increased by a pro-rata portion to cover the additional two (2) months fee during the transition year of implementation of this new schedule. Issuance of the plates pursuant to this subdivision shall begin on March 1 of the year so affected, upon payment of the appropriate fee, and proof by the applicant that such applicant is still engaged in business as a manufacturer, transporter, dealer or vehicle preparation service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any plate issued which would expire after March 31, 2002.