

HOUSE BILL 2490  
By Borchert

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for active military service members and veterans of the United States armed forces.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-216, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, after deducting the expense the department has incurred in manufacturing such plates, all revenues produced from the sale or renewal of the military plates enumerated in § 55-4-202(c)(5)(H), excluding the regular motor vehicle registration and renewal fees imposed by part 1 of this chapter, shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent (50%) of such funds shall be allocated to the department of veterans affairs created in title 4, chapter 3, part 25;

(2) Thirty percent (30%) of such funds shall be allocated to the Tennessee arts commission created in title 4, chapter 20; and

(3) Twenty percent (20%) of such funds shall be allocated to the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-219, is amended by designating the present language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, after deducting the expense the department has incurred in manufacturing such plates, all

revenues produced from the sale or renewal of the National Guard plates enumerated in §55-4-202(c)(3) and the memorial plates enumerated in § 55-4-202(c)(4), excluding the regular motor vehicle registration and renewal fees imposed by part 1 of this chapter, shall be allocated as follows:

(1) Fifty percent (50%) of such funds shall be allocated to the department of veterans affairs created in title 4, chapter 3, part 25;

(2) Thirty percent (30%) of such funds shall be allocated to the Tennessee arts commission created in title 4, chapter 20; and

(3) Twenty percent (20%) of such funds shall be allocated to the state highway fund.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(c), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions (9) and (10):

(9) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and active members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans affairs in consultation with the commissioner of safety. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom to obtain such plate.

(10) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and active members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans affairs in consultation with the commissioner of safety. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation Enduring Freedom to obtain such plate.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(e), is amended by deleting the language "subdivisions (c)(3) – (c)(8)" and by substituting instead the language "subdivisions (c)(3) – (c)(10)".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.