

HOUSE BILL 2627

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of new specialty earmarked license plates to raise public awareness about Autism.

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:

() Autism Awareness;

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

(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 an Autism 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 bear a logo or other appropriate emblem designed to raise public awareness about Autism. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Autism Society of America, East Tennessee Chapter.

(c) In accordance with the provisions of § 55-4-215, funds produced from the sale of Autism Awareness new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Autism Society of America, East Tennessee Chapter. Such funds shall be used exclusively to educate, advocate, and raise public awareness about Autism in Tennessee.

SECTION 3. The provisions of § 55-4-201(f) shall not apply to this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.