

SENATE BILL 1806

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize issuance of alternative registration plates in a design representative of the historic Gadsden flag.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) In addition to the registration plates issued or reissued in a design directed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (h), beginning July 1, 2016, the commissioner shall cause to be issued a new registration plate of an appropriate design representative of the historic Gadsden flag. The plate shall include a yellow background, a coiled rattlesnake emblem in the center, the language "Don't Tread on Me" centered below the emblem, and space available for at least six (6) characters.

(2) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who has been issued, or is entitled under this chapter to be issued, a registration plate pursuant to subsection (h), may elect in the alternative for the issuance of a registration plate described in this subsection (k); provided, that the owner or lessee pays the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and all other applicable fees prescribed by this section or other law.

(3) At the time of initial issuance of registration plates pursuant to this subsection (k), there shall be paid to the department the additional fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(4) The funds produced from the sale of the registration plates issued pursuant to this subsection (k) shall be allocated to the state general fund.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "other than registration plates issued under part 2 or part 3 of this chapter, shall also include the language "www.tnvacation.com"" and substituting instead the language "other than registration plates issued under subsection (k) or part 2 or part 3 of this chapter, shall also include the language "www.tnvacation.com"".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103(b)(4), is amended by deleting the second and third sentences and substituting instead:

For registration plates issued or reissued in a design directed by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (h), the characters of the name of the county shall in no event be smaller than the characters of the words "Volunteer State" which now appear on registration plates, and the area for the display of the county shall be below and parallel to the alpha-numerical legend as provided in subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.