

HOUSE BILL 2197
By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of special plates bearing the logo of the International Association of Firefighters.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

() International Association of Firefighters;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

International Association of Firefighters - twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee and who are certified members of the International Association of Firefighters, 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 Section 55-4-203, shall be issued a special license plate, either for an automobile, or a truck of one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) The application for such license plates shall be accompanied by proof satisfactory to the commissioner certifying the applicant to be a member of the International Association of Firefighters.

(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of Section 55-4-202, shall be of the colors and contain the logo of the International Association of Firefighters, and shall be designated in consultation with the executive director of the International Association of Firefighters and the director of the motor vehicles division and the commissioner of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of six (6); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)

(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one (1) of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under Section 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole parts of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license for plates, as prescribed under Section 55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in Section 55-4-203.

(f)

(1) Special plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the department of safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

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