



SENATE BILL 1477

By Massey

**AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to license plates.**

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-251(b), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection:

The department may permit a holder to submit the proof electronically.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB1477

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1477*

House Bill No. 1751

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-311(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Friends of Sycamore Shoals Historic Area, Inc. new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Friends of Sycamore Shoals Historic Area, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to:

(A) Support and promote the Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park in Elizabethton, Tennessee;

(B) Support historical projects within Carter County, Tennessee; and

(C) Support charitable nonprofit organizations based in Carter County, Tennessee, whose primary mission is in one (1) or more of the following categories:

(i) Animal protection and welfare;

(ii) Food banks and food pantries;

(iii) Fire prevention, protection, and control;

(iv) Ambulance and emergency medical transport services; and

(v) After school and summer daycare.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Coalmont OHV Park;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-330, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Coalmont OHV Park new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (c) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Coalmont OHV Park, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Coalmont OHV Park new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Coalmont OHV Park, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively for equipment, trail growth, and maintenance, including maintaining and establishing new cabins and other amenities at the Coalmont OHV Park.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Flatrock Motorsports Park;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-330, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Flatrock

Motorsports Park new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (f) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Flatrock Foundation.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Flatrock Motorsports Park new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Flatrock Foundation, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support local community education for STEM programs in Tennessee schools, including elementary, middle, and high school programs.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Blackman Blaze;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-336. High school sports.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Blackman Blaze new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section must be designed in consultation with a representative of Blackman High School Field Enhancement Organization.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Blackman Blaze new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Blackman High School Field Enhancement Organization, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used

exclusively for the costs of construction and maintenance of a new football field, including artificial turf and a new scoreboard, for use by all athletes at Blackman High School.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() International Bluegrass Music Association;

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-328, is amended by designating the existing language as a new subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued an International Bluegrass Music Association new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (b) must be designed in consultation with a representative of International Bluegrass Music Association, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of International Bluegrass Music Association new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to International Bluegrass Music Association, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the organization's mission in this state to connect, educate, and empower bluegrass professionals and enthusiasts, honoring tradition and encouraging innovation in the bluegrass community.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Sky City Entrepreneur Center;

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Sky City Entrepreneur Center new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (d) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Sky City Entrepreneur Center.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Sky City Entrepreneur Center new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Sky City Entrepreneur Center, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state in furtherance of the mission of the organization to support programs, operations, and services that help small business owners succeed and new businesses launch in Blount County, Tennessee.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Local Journalism Matters;

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-353, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Local Journalism Matters new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (d) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Front Page Foundation, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Local Journalism Matters new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Front Page Foundation, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support scholarships for journalism and electronic media students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and for communications students at Pellissippi State Community College.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Knoxville Ice Bears;

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-331, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Knoxville Ice Bears new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (i) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Knoxville Ice Bears Charitable Foundation.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Knoxville Ice Bears new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Knoxville Ice Bears Charitable Foundation, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the organization's mission to promote the growth, accessibility, and sustainability of youth hockey in East Tennessee through youth hockey scholarships, Little League team uniforms, school visits, and initiatives with the Knox County Partners in Education Foundation.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Quail Forever;

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-303, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(i)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Quail Forever new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (i) must contain the official Quail Forever logo or other appropriate design representative of the organization. The plates must be designed in consultation with a representative of Quail Forever.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Quail Forever new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Pheasants Forever, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to further Quail Forever's mission of upland habitat conservation, public access, and education.

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Adopt a Golden;

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-304, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued an Adopt a Golden new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (d) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Adopt a Golden Knoxville, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Adopt a Golden new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Adopt a Golden Knoxville, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support the organization's efforts to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Golden Retrievers, golden mixes, and Labrador Retrievers across East Tennessee, including veterinary care and medical treatment.

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-294, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e) For purposes of minimum issuance requirements under § 55-4-202, the specialty earmarked license plates for specific fraternities and sororities authorized pursuant to this section are to be calculated in the aggregate and not by specific fraternity or sorority.

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention;

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-347. Victim advocacy and support.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section must be designed in consultation with the executive director of the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively by the organization to support statewide awareness, prevention activities, technical assistance, training, and related services as well as to support Tennessee domestic violence and sexual assault service providers

delivering direct victim services, including, but not limited to, emergency shelter, crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling, and related support services.

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Back the Blue;

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-321, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(e)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Back the Blue new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (e) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Chattanooga Police Foundation.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Back the Blue new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Chattanooga Police Foundation, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to support law enforcement officers and their families.

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Cowboy Up;

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-348. Mental health and crisis services.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Cowboy Up new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this section must be designed in consultation with a representative of Cowboy Up, Inc.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Cowboy Up new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Cowboy Up, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state for suicide prevention, awareness, and education programs and services.

SECTION 27. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-282. Airman's Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Medal; Soldier's Medal.

(a) A recipient of a medal described in subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) who is a resident of this state and who is an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular registration fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, and the fee provided for in § 55-4-204(c)(1), shall be issued a distinctive motor vehicle registration plate representative of the medal, as appropriate, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c). Plates for the following medals are authorized pursuant to this section:

- (1) Airman's Medal;
- (2) Navy and Marine Corps Medal; and
- (3) Soldier's Medal.

(b) The plates provided for in this section must include a likeness of the Airman's Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, or Soldier's Medal and bear the legend "Airman's Medal", "Navy and Marine Corps Medal", or "Soldier's Medal", as applicable.

(c) All applications pursuant to this section must be accompanied by the following as proof of eligibility for issuance of a plate pursuant to this section:

(1)

(A) A valid military identification card or such other document as the commissioner designates as sufficient proof that the applicant is an active member of the United States armed forces; or

(B)

(i) A certified copy of the veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214), honorable discharge certificate, department of defense form 256 (DD 256), or report of separation and record of service, NGB form 22, that indicates an honorable discharge characterization;

(ii) A valid DD form 2 (Retired) military identification card;

or

(iii) A Tennessee driver license that indicates military service in accordance with § 55-50-354; and

(2) Documentation certifying that the application for the plate is submitted by a recipient of a medal described in subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) to include:

(A) Military orders awarding the medal, authorized by a branch of the United States armed forces to the member or veteran; or

(B) The veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214), or report of separation and record of service, NGB form 22, indicating the awarding of the medal.

(d) An applicant is required to submit the documentation required by subsection (c) only when initially applying for license plates under this section. Subsequent license plates under this section must be issued to that person without the repeated presentation of documentation.

SECTION 28. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(5)(G), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- () Airman's Medal;
- () Navy and Marine Corps Medal;
- () Soldier's Medal;

SECTION 29. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-204(c)(1), is amended by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- () Airman's Medal;
- () Navy and Marine Corps Medal;
- () Soldier's Medal;

SECTION 30. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

- () Christian Brothers High School;

SECTION 31. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-335, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- (d)
 - (1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Christian Brothers High School new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (d) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Christian Brothers LaSalle High School.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Christian Brothers High School new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Christian Brothers LaSalle High School, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support adolescent mental health advocacy and programming.

SECTION 32. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Nashville Bourbon Auction;

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-324, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(d)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Nashville Bourbon Auction new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (d) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Nashville Bourbon Auction.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Nashville Bourbon Auction new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Nashville Bourbon Auction, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support Nashville-area nonprofit organizations.

SECTION 34. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() The Bridge House;

SECTION 35. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-345, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued The Bridge House new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (f) must be designed in consultation with a representative of The Bridge House, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of The Bridge House new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to The Bridge House, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to provide support for children in and aging out of foster care in this state.

SECTION 36. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-294(c), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), the Delta Sigma Theta specialty earmarked plate must be designed in consultation with an authorized representative of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and must contain the colors, logo, or other emblem or design distinctive to Delta Sigma Theta sorority. No later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall cause to be reissued a new Delta Sigma Theta specialty earmarked plate of a design created pursuant to this subdivision (c)(3).

SECTION 37. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-294(d), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following new subdivision:

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(1), the proceeds from the fees paid pursuant to § 55-4-204 for the sale of the Delta Sigma Theta specialty earmarked plate authorized by this section, minus the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing the plate, must be allocated to the Delta Research and Educational Foundation to provide academic scholarships at schools in this state or to students from this state.

SECTION 38. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() LaunchTN;

SECTION 39. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a LaunchTN new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (e) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Launch Tennessee.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of LaunchTN new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Launch Tennessee, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the organization's mission to empower innovators across this state by providing

capital, commercialization support, and connections, including a partnership with the Entrepreneurs' Organization of Nashville (EO).

SECTION 40. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Childhood Cancer Awareness;

SECTION 41. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-343, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(b)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Childhood Cancer Awareness new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (b) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Liv – In the Journey Foundation.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Childhood Cancer Awareness new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Liv – In the Journey Foundation, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively for cancer awareness and research, supporting families, and advocacy initiatives.

SECTION 42. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary or Service;

SECTION 43. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-320, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary or Service new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (c) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Operation Stand Down Tennessee.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary or Service new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Operation Stand Down Tennessee in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the organization's mission to engage, equip, and empower military veterans and their families through crisis, career, connection, and community services in this state.

SECTION 44. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Sons of the American Revolution;

SECTION 45. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-353, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (e) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Sons of the American Revolution new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the organization's programs and activities in this state to promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate current and future generations about the founding principles of the United States.

SECTION 46. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Blacksmithing;

SECTION 47. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-329. Arts and hobbies.

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Blacksmithing 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 must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Appalachian Area Chapter of Blacksmiths.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Blacksmithing new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Appalachian Area Chapter of Blacksmiths in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to support artisan blacksmith guilds in this state and promote the art of blacksmithing.

SECTION 48. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Ohio State University;

SECTION 49. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-333, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(b)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued an Ohio State University new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (b) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Nashville.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Ohio State University new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Ohio State University Alumni Club of Nashville, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively to fund scholarships for students graduating from Tennessee high schools attending Ohio State University.

SECTION 50. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Appalachia Service Project;

SECTION 51. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-324, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(h)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued an Appalachia Service Project new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (h) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Appalachia Service Project, Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Appalachia Service Project new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Appalachia Service Project, Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to support the organization's mission to repair and replace homes for low-income families in Central Appalachia.

SECTION 52. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() POD256;

SECTION 53. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a POD256 new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (f) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the 256 Foundation.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of POD256 new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the 256 Foundation, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to support educators and open-source developers working on intelligent energy initiatives.

SECTION 54. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() American Foundation for Suicide Prevention;

SECTION 55. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-348, as added by Section 26 of this act, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued an American Foundation for Suicide Prevention new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (b) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Tennessee chapter.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Tennessee chapter, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in furtherance of the

organization's mission to bring both suicide education and awareness programs to schools and organizations, in addition to supporting those touched by the tragedy of suicide, in this state.

SECTION 56. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Foodies of TN;

SECTION 57. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-324, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(i)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 in § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Foodies of TN new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked license plates authorized by this subsection (i) must be designed in consultation with a representative of Foodies of TN Inc.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Foodies of TN new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to Foodies of TN Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to support the organization's mission to assist independently owned local restaurants throughout the state.

SECTION 58. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-4-283. Meritorious Service Medal.

(a) A recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal who is a resident of this state and who is an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular registration fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, and the fee provided for in § 55-4-204(c)(1), shall be issued a distinctive Meritorious Service Medal motor vehicle registration plate, as appropriate, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The plates provided for in this section must include a likeness of the Meritorious Service Medal and bear the legend "Meritorious Service Medal".

(c) All applications pursuant to this section must be accompanied by the following as proof of eligibility for issuance of a plate pursuant to this section:

(1)

(A) A valid military identification card or such other document as the commissioner designates as sufficient proof that the applicant is an active member of the United States armed forces; or

(B)

(i) A certified copy of the veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214), honorable discharge certificate, department of defense form 256 (DD 256), or report of separation and record of service, NGB form 22, that indicates an honorable discharge characterization;

(ii) A valid DD form 2 (Retired) military identification card;

or

(iii) A Tennessee driver license that indicates military service in accordance with § 55-50-354; and

(2) Documentation certifying that the application for the plate is submitted by a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal to include:

(A) Military orders awarding the Meritorious Service Medal, authorized by a branch of the United States armed forces to the member or veteran; or

(B) The veteran's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, department of defense form 214 (DD 214), or report of separation and record of service, NGB form 22, indicating the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal.

(d) An applicant is required to submit the documentation required by subsection (c) only when initially applying for license plates under this section. Subsequent license plates under this section must be issued to that person without the repeated presentation of documentation.

SECTION 59. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(5)(G), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Meritorious Service Medal;

SECTION 60. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-204(c)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Meritorious Service Medal;

SECTION 61. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee Aviation;

SECTION 62. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-351, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g)

(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 § 55-4-204, shall be issued a Tennessee

Aviation new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(2) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this subsection (g) must be designed in consultation with a representative of the Tennessee Aviation Association.

(3) The funds produced from the sale of Tennessee Aviation new specialty earmarked license plates must be allocated to the Tennessee Aviation Association, in accordance with § 55-4-301. The funds must be used exclusively in this state to provide scholarships to young aviation students.

SECTION 63. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-343(d), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Man2Man Prostate Cancer Group new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (d) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 64. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-342(c)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 65. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-324(f), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the YMCA new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (f) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 66. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-304(i), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (i) has until

July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 67. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-312(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Friends of Warner Parks new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (d) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 68. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-304(k), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the STAR Riding Therapy new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (k) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 69. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-324(e), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Singing for Change new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (e) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 70. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-350(d), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Tennessee Environment & Restoration new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (d) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 71. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-304(h)(4), is amended by deleting the language "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead the language "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 72. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-331(h), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Nashville Sounds new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (h) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 73. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-314(d)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 74. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-330(b)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 75. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-341(d)(5), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 76. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-345(l)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 77. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-352(e), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Slow Down Move Over new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (e) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 78. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-333(c)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 79. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-344(j)(4), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 80. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-320(e)(5), is amended by deleting "July 1, 2026" and substituting instead "July 1, 2027".

SECTION 81. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-323(d), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Order of the Eastern Star new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (d) has until

July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 82. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-320(f), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding § 55-4-202(k)(1), the Support Our Veterans new specialty earmarked license plate authorized pursuant to this subsection (f) has until July 1, 2027, to meet the applicable minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-202(k)(1).

SECTION 83. The heading in this act is for reference purposes only and does not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the heading in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 84. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 85. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.