

HOUSE BILL 917

By Durham

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-209(7), is amended by adding the language "special event," between "sheriff," and "United States house of representatives,".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221(b)(6), is amended by deleting the language "This section" and by substituting instead the language "This subsection (b)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-221, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d) and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(d)

(1) Registration plates issued under this subsection (d) may only be issued to dealers as provided for in this subsection (d).

(2) Any dealer owning a vehicle suitable for special event services may, either in person or through a duly authorized agent, employee, or lessee, operate or move the vehicle upon any highway of the state without registering such vehicle, upon condition that the vehicle display a special event plate issued to that owner as prescribed in this part.

(3) A vehicle is suitable for special event services if it:

(A) Is rented to legal entities or this state, or any political subdivision thereof, pursuant to a rental agreement;

(B) Only travels in this state during the rental period;

(C) Is capable of holding fifteen (15) or more passengers; and

(D) Has fewer than two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles on the odometer.

(4) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, a vehicle meeting all of the criteria of a special event services vehicle pursuant to subdivision (d)(3) shall not be eligible to use a special purpose dealer plate.

(5) The special event plate shall have the legend "TENN" at the top of the plate and shall have "Special Event" at the bottom of the plate. The legend shall contain the letters "SE" and five (5) numbers. The special event plates shall have a light blue background with black letters and numbers

(6) Any dealer who has a valid number assigned by the motor vehicle commission may make application to the department for one (1) or more special event plates and shall provide sufficient information as reasonably requested by the commissioner to show how many vehicles are suitable for special event services. The fee for such plate shall be more than one hundred fifty two dollars and sixty-three cents (\$152.63). No dealer shall be permitted to purchase more than one hundred (100) special event plates during a registration year.

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