

HOUSE BILL 2704

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to the issuance of a blue star family license plate.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(F), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Blue star family;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Blue star family;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 55-4-2\_\_.

(a) The department shall issue to each eligible person in the state whose spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, niece, or nephew is serving in the armed forces of the United States at the time of application, a blue star family military license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c), upon the applicant complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and upon paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided in § 55-4-203.

(b) The blue star family plate shall include an identification legend distinctive to blue star families. The legend shall read "Blue Star Family". The registration number of

the plate shall include the letters "BS" and a unique identifying number. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the department of veterans affairs.

(c) Eligibility for blue star family plates shall be determined by the department by consulting appropriate documentation from the department of veterans affairs.

(d) Additional license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of a fee equal to the cost of actually producing the plate pursuant to § 55-4-203(c).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.