

SENATE BILL 15

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-270, relative to license plates for members of the Tennessee state guard.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-270, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto:

(e) (1) The fees imposed for registrations using the special purpose plates shall be as follows:

(A) For enlisted state guard members there shall be no tax (fee) for registering the first vehicle and the regular license fee shall be collected for any additional vehicles;

(B) For state guard officers the tax (fee) shall be the regular license fee for each vehicle;

(C) For state guard retirees, the initial issuance of a special purpose plate and renewals shall be made upon payment of the regular registration fee applicable to the vehicle and a fee equal to the cost of producing the special purpose plate; provided, that the issuance of the plates shall be revenue neutral; and

(D) For honorably discharged state guard members, the initial issuance of a special purpose plate and renewals shall be made upon payment of the regular registration fee applicable to the vehicle and a fee equal to the cost of producing the special purpose plate; provided, however, that the issuance of the plates shall be revenue neutral.

(2) The county clerk in effecting registrations through the use of these special purpose plates shall collect other fees that have application for all registrations, such as service charges provided in § 55-6-104 and reassignment fees when applicable.

(E) If a holder of a special purpose plate is discharged from the state guard prior to the expiration of the registration under which the plate was issued, the special purpose plate may remain valid for display on the vehicle until the expiration date of the registration, unless it was issued under the tax-exempt allowance. All plates that are issued under the tax-exempt allowance shall be surrendered to the state guard when the holders of the plates are discharged from service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to new applications for license plates and to license plate renewals as they come due.