

SENATE BILL 376

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of new specialty earmarked license plates honoring Tennessee's veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee's veterans;

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

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of Tennessee, 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 § 55-4-203, shall be issued a new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c), that pays tribute to Tennessee's veterans, who have sacrificed so much in defending our liberties and rights as American citizens, with many of them making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall be designed to appropriately express Tennesseans' appreciation of and gratitude to our veterans and their courageous service at home and abroad and their ongoing legacy of volunteerism. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the department of veterans affairs; provided, however, nothing in the design of such plates shall indicate or infer that the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle is a veteran of the United States armed forces.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee state veterans' homes board in accordance with § 55-4-215. Such funds shall be used exclusively for the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of the state veterans' homes to be built in Bradley County and Montgomery County in equal amounts.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.