

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1211

By: Representatives Rye, Fielding

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS; TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE LAW LIMITING THE CREATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS AND A PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE LAW LIMITING THE CREATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-111 is repealed.

~~27-24-111. Limitation on types of special license plates.~~

~~(a) The types of special license plates issued under this chapter by the Department of Finance and Administration is limited to the total types of special license plates in existence on January 1, 2014.~~

~~(b) A new type of special license plate may be created and issued under this chapter only if a law authorizing an existing type of special license plate is repealed.~~



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

27-24-1428. Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate.

(a) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall create and issue a Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate in the manner and subject to the conditions provided for under this subchapter.

(b) The Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate shall be:

(1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in consultation with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the ruling body of the Arkansas Masons; and

(2) Numbered consecutively.

(c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-1404(c)(1)(A) shall apply.

(d) The department shall issue a special license plate under this section to a motor vehicle owner upon:

(1) Presentment of a current dues card issued to the motor vehicle owner by the Arkansas Masonic Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons showing he has paid his annual membership dues; and

(2) Payment of:

(A) The fee required by law for registration of the motor vehicle;

(B)(i) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design-use contribution.

(ii) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas, and its Masonic Jurisdiction to be used exclusively to promote and support the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the Arkansas Masons; and

(C)(i) A handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(ii) The handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be:

(a) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(b) Credited to the division as supplemental

and in addition to all other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of the division.

(iii) The handling and administrative fee shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

(e)(1) A special license plate issued under this section may be renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.

(2) However, the division shall remit the fees collected under § 27-24-1405(b)(2) on a monthly basis to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas, and its Masonic Jurisdiction.

27-24-1429. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate.

(a) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall create and issue a Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate in the manner and subject to the conditions provided for under this subchapter.

(b) The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate shall be:

(1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in consultation with The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Arkansas Jurisdiction; and

(2) Numbered consecutively.

(c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-1404(c)(1)(A) shall apply.

(d) The department shall issue a special license plate under this section to a motor vehicle owner upon payment of:

(1) The fee required by law for registration of the motor vehicle;

(2)(A) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design-use contribution.

(B) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Community Outreach Inc.; and

(3)(A) A handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

(B) The handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be:

(i) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund

for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(ii) Credited to the division as supplemental and in addition to all other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of the division.

(C) The handling and administrative fee shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

(e)(1) A special license plate issued under this section may be renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.

(2) However, the division shall remit the fees collected under § 27-24-1405(b)(2) on a monthly basis to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Community Outreach Inc.

27-24-1430. Limitation on types of special interest license plates.

(a) The types of special interest license plates issued under this subchapter by the Department of Finance and Administration are limited to the total types of special interest license plates in existence on September 1, 2019.

(b) A new type of special interest license plate may be created and issued under this subchapter only if an existing type of special interest license plate is repealed.