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A Bill

SENATE BILL 596

By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PERMANENT AUTOMOBILE LICENSING
ACT OF 1967; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PERMANENT AUTOMOBILE
LICENSING ACT OF 1967.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 14, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-14-1022. Annual renewal of registration – Exception.

(a) An owner of a motor vehicle shall:

(1) Annually renew a motor vehicle's registration as required under § 27-14-1011; and

(2) Pay the annual motor vehicle registration fee as required under § 27-14-601 regardless of whether the owner of a motor vehicle operates the motor vehicle upon the public streets, roads, or highways of this state, unless the motor vehicle owner:

(A) Provides a written statement that notifies the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration that he or she shall not operate the motor vehicle during the registration period of the motor vehicle;

(B) Surrenders the license plate previously issued for the motor vehicle to the director; and

(C) Surrenders the current registration certificate issued for the motor vehicle, if any, to the director.



(b) A motor vehicle owner who is not required to pay the annual motor vehicle registration fee under subdivision (a)(2) of this section may:

(1) Apply for a new motor vehicle registration certificate as required under §§ 27-14-602 and 27-14-705; and

(2) Upon receipt of the new motor vehicle registration certificate, operate the motor vehicle on public streets, roads, and highways of this state.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY.

The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide an amnesty period so that the owner of a motor vehicle who has not renewed the motor vehicle's registration and has not operated the motor vehicle on a public street, road, or highway may comply with § 24-14-1022(a)(2) without the assessment of a registration fee for the years when the owner did not renew the motor vehicle's registration between the effective date of this bill and before January 1, 2020.