

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

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A Bill

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By: Senator J. Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT OF 2005; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE ARKANSAS EMS FOUNDATION; TO REPEAL THE GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE ARKANSAS EMS FOUNDATION; AND TO REPEAL THE GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-24-1433. Arkansas EMS Foundation.

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

(b) The Arkansas EMS Foundation special license plate shall be:

(1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in consultation with the Arkansas EMS Foundation; 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 Arkansas EMS Foundation to be used exclusively to promote and support the Arkansas EMS Foundation; and

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

(B) The handling and administrative fee 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) The division shall remit the fees collected under § 27-24-1405(b)(2) for the renewal of a special license plate issued under this section on a monthly basis to the Arkansas EMS Foundation.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1428 is repealed.

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

~~(a) The Secretary 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.~~

/s/Vaught