



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 923

SENATE BILL NO. 270

By Pody, Watson, Bailey, Bowling, Haile, Ketron, Yager

Substituted for: House Bill No. 268

By Sherrell, Terry, Powers, Sparks, Whitson, Weaver, Hulsey, Howell, Matheny, Curcio, Swann, Crawford, Lollar, McDaniel, Van Huss, Reedy, Kane, Goins, Hawk, Matlock, Calfee, Zachary, Kumar, Tillis, Cameron Sexton, Kevin Brooks, Gilmore, Matthew Hill, Ragan, Coley, Akbari, Carter, Casada, Wirgau, Daniel, Carr, Littleton, Parkinson, Butt, Hazlewood, Alexander, Williams, Pitts, DeBerry, Hardaway, Eldridge, Gant, Rudd, Staples, Jerry Sexton, Holsclaw, Johnson, Timothy Hill, Pody, Dunn, Forgety, Faison, Dawn White, Sanderson, Camper, Hicks, Marsh, Keisling, Moody, Smith, Holt, Jernigan, Mitchell, Thompson, Halford, Doss, Ramsey, Harry Brooks, Byrd, Vaughan; Madam Speaker Harwell; Moon, Lamberth, Rogers, Farmer, Gravitt, Windle, Cooper, Boyd, Mark White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to fees for registration plates issued to certain emergency personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-241(a), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subsection immediately preceding the period (.):

; except, that any active volunteer firefighter who has at least one (1) year of service shall be exempt, at the time of renewal, from the applicable registration fee for only one (1) motor vehicle, upon the certification or sworn statement from the chief of the fire department to which the person is attached confirming the person is an active volunteer firefighter. In addition to the exemption provided by this subsection (a), the legislative body of a county is authorized to waive the motor vehicle tax for motor vehicles receiving an exemption under this subsection (a) from the registration fee if the waiver is approved in the same manner as the adoption of the motor vehicle tax under § 5-8-102

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222(d), is amended by adding the following at the end of the first sentence immediately preceding the period (.):

; except, that any active volunteer member of a local rescue squad who has at least one (1) year of service shall be exempt, at the time of renewal, from the regular license fee for only one (1) motor vehicle, upon the certification or sworn statement from the captain of the local rescue squad to which the person is attached confirming the person is an active volunteer member. In addition to the exemption provided by this subsection (d), the legislative body of a county is authorized to waive the motor vehicle tax for motor vehicles receiving an exemption under this subsection (d) from the registration fee if the waiver is approved in the same manner as the adoption of the motor vehicle tax under § 5-8-102

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, is an active member of a volunteer fire department, and has at least one (1) year of service shall be exempt, at the time of renewal, from the regular registration fee imposed pursuant to § 55-4-111, for only one (1) vehicle owned or used by the firefighter, upon the certification or sworn statement from the chief of the fire department to which the person is attached confirming the applicant is an active volunteer member, and upon compliance with state motor vehicle registration and licensing laws. In addition to the exemption provided by this subsection (a), the legislative body of a county is authorized to waive the motor vehicle tax for motor

vehicles receiving an exemption under this subsection (a) from the registration fee if the waiver is approved in the same manner as the adoption of the motor vehicle tax under § 5-8-102.

(b) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, is an active member of a volunteer local rescue squad, and has at least one (1) year of service shall be exempt, at the time of renewal, from the regular registration fee imposed pursuant to § 55-4-111, for only one (1) vehicle owned or used by the member, upon certification or sworn statement from the captain of the local rescue squad to which the person is attached confirming the applicant is an active volunteer member, and upon compliance with state motor vehicle registration and licensing laws. In addition to the exemption provided by this subsection (b), the legislative body of a county is authorized to waive the motor vehicle tax for motor vehicles receiving an exemption under this subsection (b) from the registration fee if the waiver is approved in the same manner as the adoption of the motor vehicle tax under § 5-8-102.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to registration plates renewed on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 18, 2018



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR