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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
9 ADMINISTRATION TO SEND THE ANNUAL MOTOR VEHICLE
10 REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION BY EITHER REGULAR MAIL OR BY
12 EMAIL IF THE VEHICLE OWNER CONSENTS AND PROVIDES AN
13 EMAIL ADDRESS; TO CLARIFY THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE
14 REGISTRATION MAY BE RENEWED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS; AND
15 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO ALLOW A MOTOR VEHICLE RENEWAL
19 NOTIFICATION TO BE SENT BY EMAIL IF THE
20 VEHICLE OWNER CONSENTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-14-1012 is amended to read as follows:

27 27-14-1012. Applications for registrations or renewals.

28 (a)(1) An applicant may apply, in person or by mail, for the issuance
29 of permanent license plates ~~or renewal of license~~ to the revenue collector
30 office in the county where he or she resides or to the Director of the
31 Department of Finance and Administration.

32 (2) After the issuance of a permanent license plate, an
33 applicant may apply for renewal by ~~transmitting copies of the required~~
34 ~~documents by facsimile machine over the telephone lines and by authorizing~~
35 ~~the registration fee and any additional handling fee imposed to be charged to~~
36 ~~his or her credit card;~~
his or her credit card;



1 (A) Transmitting the required documents and the
2 registration fee by mail to the applicant's local revenue office or to the
3 director;

4 (B) Transmitting the required information electronically
5 using the electronic online registration process provided by the Department
6 of Finance and Administration and authorizing the registration fee to be
7 charged to the applicant's credit card; or

8 (C) Providing the required information using the telephone
9 registration process provided by the department and authorizing the
10 registration fee to be charged to the applicant's credit card.

11 (b)(1) Not less than thirty (30) days before the expiration of the
12 license, the director shall notify the owner of a registered motor vehicle
13 subject to this subchapter ~~at the last address of the owner of the motor~~
14 ~~vehicle as such owner's name and address appear on the records of the Office~~
15 ~~of Motor Vehicle, but the director is not required to go beyond the face of~~
16 ~~the last registration statement.~~

17 (2) The notice shall be sent by:

18 (A) Regular mail to the most recent address of the owner
19 of the motor vehicle as the owner's name and address appear on the records of
20 the Office of Motor Vehicle as the address provided at the last registration
21 or reported as a change of address as required by § 27-14-1019; or

22 (B) Email to the email address provided to the director by
23 the motor vehicle owner in connection with a consent to receive the annual
24 motor vehicle registration renewal notice by email.

25 (c)~~(1)~~ A proper application for registration or renewal by mail must
26 be postmarked not later than fifteen (15) days before the date for renewal to
27 allow time for processing.

28 ~~(2)(A) A proper application for renewal by facsimile machine~~
29 ~~must be received not later than seven (7) days before the date for renewal to~~
30 ~~allow time for processing.~~

31 ~~(B) The time and date printed by the facsimile machine of~~
32 ~~the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration shall be~~
33 ~~evidence of the date and time of the application.~~

34 (d) The director is authorized to impose a first class postage fee for
35 handling the issuance of all new licenses or renewals by mail and to impose
36 an additional fee to recover any credit card fees charged by credit card

1 companies.

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 3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-14-1013 is amended to read as follows:
 4 27-14-1013. Renewals of registration.

5 The owner of any permanent license plate issued by the Director of the
 6 Department of Finance and Administration may renew his or her registration:

7 (1) In person or by mail at a county revenue office or with
 8 the director or, where available, by facsimile machine transmission during
 9 any day from forty five (45) days prior to the date on which his or her
 10 registration shall expire. The applicant, upon receiving notification by the
 11 director of his or her new permanent registration date, shall, within the
 12 time prescribed by the director, pay a twelve-month registration fee;

13 (2) Electronically, using the electronic online registration
 14 process provided by the Department of Finance and Administration; or

15 (3) By telephone, using the telephone registration process
 16 provided by the department.

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 18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-14-1014(a)(1), concerning application
 19 forms for renewal of registration, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a)(1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
 21 shall ~~mail~~ send application forms for all renewals of registration under this
 22 subchapter ~~to the last address of the owner of the motor vehicle as the~~
 23 ~~owner's name and address appear on the records of the Office of Motor~~
 24 ~~Vehicle, by:~~

25 (A) Regular mail sent to the most recent address of the
 26 owner of the motor vehicle as the owner's name and address appear on the
 27 records of the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

28 (B) Email sent to the address provided to the director by
 29 the motor vehicle owner in connection with a consent to receive the annual
 30 motor vehicle registration renewal notice and application forms by email.

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 32 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-14-1021 is amended to read as follows:
 33 27-14-1021. Annual notification of requirements.

34 (a) ~~From and after January 1, 1998, the~~ The Director of the Department
 35 of Finance and Administration shall ~~cause to be mailed~~ send to each vehicle
 36 owner in this state the following information:

1 (1) Notification of the requirement that each vehicle must be
 2 assessed and personal property taxes must be paid annually;

3 (2) Notification of the procedure and time period for annual
 4 assessment of personal property;

5 (3) Notification of the requirement that proof of liability
 6 insurance is required and must be maintained at all times in the vehicle; and

7 (4) Notification of the penalties contained in Arkansas law for:

8 (A) Failure to assess the vehicle or pay personal property
 9 taxes due;

10 (B) Failure to maintain liability insurance coverage on
 11 the vehicle; and

12 (C) Operation of an unsafe vehicle.

13 (b) The director may comply with the requirements set forth in
 14 subsection (a) of this section by including the information in the annual
 15 vehicle registration renewal notice sent to each vehicle owner by:

16 (1) Regular mail; or

17 (2) If the motor vehicle owner has given his or her consent,
 18 email.

19 (c) The director shall also cause to be displayed, in conspicuous
 20 fashion, at each revenue office in this state, the information set forth in
 21 subsection (a) of this section.

22 ~~(d) The director shall also, not later than January 1, 1998, provide~~
 23 ~~such notice as is set forth in subsection (a) of this section, as well as the~~
 24 ~~new procedures, to all new and used vehicle dealers in this state.~~

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