A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CREATING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE LAW CREATING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1306 is amended to read as follows:
27-24-1306. Emergency medical technicians services professionals.
   (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create and issue a special license plate for emergency medical technicians services professionals.
   (b) The Department of Finance and Administration department shall design the special license plates issued under this section.
   (c) Any one (1) of the following may apply for and annually renew a special license plate issued under this section if he or she is currently certified licensed in the State of Arkansas or certified with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and resides in this state as:
      (1) An emergency medical technician;
      (2) An A emergency medical technician paramedic;
      (3) An advanced emergency medical technician intermediate; or
      (4) A first responder with the documented completion of forty (40) hours of curriculum approved by the Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; or

(5) Any other Emergency Medical Services Personnel, including
without limitation:

(A) A dispatcher; or

(B) An emergency vehicle operator.

(d) An applicant shall remit the following fees to obtain a special license plate issued under this section for use on a motor vehicle:

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

(2) A handling and administrative fee in the amount of ten dollars ($10.00); and

(3) An additional fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) to be collected by the Department of Finance and Administration and remitted monthly to the Arkansas EMT Association Benevolence and Scholarship Funds Emergency Medical Services Foundation, Inc.

(e)(1) The fee for the renewal of a special license plate under this section is the fee required under subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The replacement fee for a special license plate issued under this section is ten dollars ($10.00).

(f) Upon the initial application of a special license plate issued under this section, the emergency medical technician services professional shall provide adequate proof to the Department of Finance and Administration that he or she is certified licensed in the State of Arkansas or certified with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and resides in this state as one (1) of the following:

(1) An emergency medical technician;

(2) An advanced emergency medical technician intermediate; or

(3) A first responder with the documented completion of forty (40) hours of curriculum approved by the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; or

(5) Any other Emergency Medical Services Personnel, including without limitation:

(A) A dispatcher; or

(B) An emergency vehicle operator.

(g)(1) The fee remitted under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section
shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of
the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The fee shall be credited as supplemental and in addition to all other funds as may be deposited for the benefit of the division.

(3) The fee shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

(h) The registration of a special license plate under this section may:

(1) Continue from year to year as long as it is renewed each year within the time and manner required by law; and

(2) Be renewed as provided under §§ 27-14-1012 and 27-14-1013.

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