

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 789

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5 By: Senator G. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT OF
10 2005 TO DISTINGUISH PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS
11 WITH A DISTINCTIVE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT
15 OF 2005 TO DISTINGUISH PROFESSIONAL
16 FIREFIGHTERS WITH A DISTINCTIVE SPECIAL
17 LICENSE PLATE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1302 is amended to read as follows:
24 27-24-1302. Definitions.

25 For the purposes of this subchapter:

26 (1) "Firefighter" means a person who is certified by the
27 Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board as a certified firefighter or who has
28 retired as a firefighter;

29 (2) "Public service" means a service provided by a city, a
30 county, or the state government that requires licensure or certification by
31 the person who is providing the service;

32 (3) "Professional firefighter" means a person who is in good
33 standing with the Arkansas Professional Firefighters Association;

34 ~~(3)~~(4) "Retired member of the armed forces of the United States"
35 means a person who presents proof of retirement in the form of retirement



1 orders issued by one (1) of the following services of the armed forces of the
2 United States:

- 3 (A) The United States Army;
- 4 (B) The United States Navy;
- 5 (C) The United States Marine Corps;
- 6 (D) The United States Air Force;
- 7 (E) The United States Coast Guard; or
- 8 (F) The National Guard; and

9 ~~(4)~~(5) "Retired state trooper" means a former employee of the
10 Department of Arkansas State Police who is eligible for and is receiving
11 retirement benefits related to the retiree's employment as a state trooper.
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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 13 is
14 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15 27-24-1311. Professional firefighters.

16 (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create and
17 issue a special license plate for professional firefighters under this
18 section.

19 (b)(1) The department shall seek the advice of the Arkansas
20 Professional Firefighters Association regarding the design of the special
21 license plate under this section.

22 (2) The Arkansas Professional Firefighters Association may
23 submit up to three (3) designs to the Department of Finance and
24 Administration for its consideration.

25 (c)(1) A professional firefighter may apply for and annually renew a
26 special license plate issued under this section.

27 (2) The fee for the initial application for a special license
28 plate under this section is:

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

31 (B) A handling and administrative fee in the amount of ten
32 dollars (\$10.00); and

33 (C) An additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be
34 deposited into the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Fund.

35 (3) The fee for the renewal of a special license plate under
36 this section is the fee required by law for the registration and licensing of

1 the motor vehicle and an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be deposited
2 into the Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial Fund.

3 (d)(1) Upon the initial application for a special license plate issued
4 under this section, the professional firefighter shall provide adequate proof
5 to the department that he or she is a member in good standing with the
6 Arkansas Professional Firefighters Association.

7 (2) This subsection shall not require a person who has been
8 issued a special license plate under this section to present adequate proof
9 of his or her status as a professional firefighter to the department for the
10 renewal of his or her license and registration.

11 (e) The limitation on professional firefighter special license plates
12 issued under this section is two (2) special license plates for each
13 household.

14 (f)(1) The fee remitted under subdivision (c)(2)(B) of this section
15 shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund as direct revenue to
16 the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

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

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

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