

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

## 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.

## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT  
16 OF 2005 TO DISTINGUISH PROFESSIONAL  
17 FIREFIGHTERS WITH A DISTINCTIVE SPECIAL  
18 LICENSE PLATE.

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

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  
36 orders issued by one (1) of the following services of the armed forces of the



1 United States:

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

8 ~~(4)~~(5) "Retired state trooper" means a former employee of the  
 9 Department of Arkansas State Police who is eligible for and is receiving  
 10 retirement benefits related to the retiree's employment as a state trooper.  
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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 13 is  
 13 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14 27-24-1311. Professional firefighters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (3) The fee for the renewal of a special license plate under  
 35 this section is the fee required by law for the registration and licensing of  
 36 the motor vehicle and an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00) to be deposited

1 into the Fallen Firefighter’s Memorial Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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