

Amendment No. 2 to HB1544

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 323*

House Bill No. 1544

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-104, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(g)

(1) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, an owner or lessee of a private vehicle who has been issued, or is entitled under this chapter to be issued, a registration, may elect for the issuance of a registration that is valid for twenty-four (24) months, and expires on the last day of the last month of the registration period.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2023, if requested pursuant to subdivision (g)(1), the commissioner may establish a system of registration renewals at alternate intervals that allow for the distribution of the registration workload as uniformly as is practicable throughout the registration period.

(3) The department shall set twenty-four-month registration fees in an amount that offsets revenue that would otherwise be generated by twelve-month registration fees in effect prior to January 1, 2023.

(4) County clerks are entitled to fees in an amount that offsets revenue that would otherwise be generated by twelve-month registration fees in effect prior to January 1, 2023.

(5) Owners or lessees of private vehicles electing to receive a twenty-four-month registration must be issued a special license plate in accordance with

part 2 of this chapter. Such special license plate is a separate category of plate under § 55-4-203, and the additional fees for the special license plate are as provided in § 55-4-204.

(6) This section does not apply to commercial vehicles.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Two-year plate issued pursuant to § 55-4-104(g);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-204, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Two-year plates must be issued upon the payment of the registration fee set pursuant to § 55-4-104(g) and a fee equal to the cost of designing and manufacturing the plates; provided, that the issuance of these plates must be revenue neutral.

Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, the payment of the fee equal to the cost of designing and manufacturing the plates only applies upon initial issuance or reissuance of a plate and does not apply at the time of renewal.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to plates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2023.