



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 429**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1355**

**By Bailey, Crowe, Bowling, Hensley**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 26

By Sanderson, Matlock, Jerry Sexton, Lollar, Gant, Halford, Hazlewood, Moody, Weaver, Rogers, Holsclaw, Van Huss, Kevin Brooks, Powers, Zachary, Mark White, Byrd, Reedy, Dawn White, Terry, Tillis, Howell, Sherrell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to requiring registration plates to bear the language "In God We Trust".

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(k)(1) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who has been issued, or is entitled under this chapter to be issued, a registration plate pursuant to this section, may elect in the alternative for the issuance of a registration plate that is designed in a manner to have engraved or embossed on it the language "In God We Trust" as provided in subdivision (k)(2).

(2) Beginning July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall cause to be issued registration plates issued or reissued pursuant to this section that display the language "In God We Trust" if requested pursuant to subdivision (k)(1).

(3) The redesign of any registration plates with the language provided for in subdivision (k)(2) shall only be effectuated upon the existing inventory of the registration plates issued pursuant to this section without such language being utilized by the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to plates issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017.

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PASSED: May 4, 2017

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR