

HOUSE BILL 245

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 4, relative to license plates in the  
emergency category.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-223, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

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(1) As used in this subsection (l), "emergency communication dispatcher" or "dispatcher" means an emergency call taker or public safety dispatcher who receives an initial or transferred 911 call from the public in this state.

(2) Notwithstanding this section to the contrary, an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the state and an emergency communication dispatcher and who submits a statement or certification from the municipality, county, or emergency communications district to which the dispatcher is attached or by which the dispatcher is employed, confirming that the applicant is a dispatcher, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and a fee equal to the cost of producing the plate must be issued, and is eligible to renew, an emergency registration plate; provided, that the issuance of the plates is revenue neutral.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(N) Emergency communication dispatchers;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-223(a), is amended by deleting "§ 55-4-203(c)(1)(B)-(K)" and substituting instead "§ 55-4-203(c)(1)(B)-(N)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-204(a)(4)(D), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(vii) Emergency communication dispatchers;

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.