HOUSE BILL 424

By Sexton C

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize issuance of Supporters of the Blind and Visually Impaired new specialty earmarked license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Supporters of the Blind and Visually Impaired;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, 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 the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Supporters of the Blind and Visually Impaired new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain the logo or other appropriate design representative of the Tennessee Council of the Blind. The plates shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee Council of the Blind.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of the Supporters of the Blind and Visually Impaired new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Council of the Blind, for distribution to the Tennessee chapters of the council in amounts as determined by the council. The funds shall be used exclusively in Tennessee by the chapters to further the council's purposes,

including enhancing support services, improving the quality of life, and expanding

opportunities for persons who are blind or visually impaired, including painting strips of a

contrasting color on steps in public places.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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