

SENATE BILL 49

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to 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 new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

- () Combat Action Badge;
- () Combat Infantry Badge;
- () Combat Medical Badge;

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

(a) A recipient of the Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, or Combat Medical Badge who is a resident of this state and who is an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle, 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 distinctive Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, or Combat Medical Badge new specialty earmarked plate, as appropriate, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b)

(1) The Combat Action Badge plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Combat Action Badge. The legend shall read "Combat Action Badge." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "CAB" and a unique identifying number.

(2) The Combat Infantry Badge plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Combat Infantry Badge. The legend shall read "Combat Infantry Badge." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "CIB" and a unique identifying number.

(3) The Combat Medical Badge plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. The legend shall read "Combat Medical Badge." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "CMB" and a unique identifying number.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Combat Medical Badge new specialty earmarked license plates shall be equally allocated to Centerstone Military Services Inc. and SAFE: Soldiers and Families Embraced Inc., in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used exclusively in this state to provide resources and support to veterans, service members, and their families.

(d) Eligibility for the Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Combat Medical Badge plates shall be determined by the department by consulting the appropriate information on the DD214 form, or in a case of military service predating 1950, in consultation with appropriate information on the equivalent form or on other official documentation, or a written communication from the department of veterans affairs, the form, documentation, or communication certifying that the application for the plate is submitted by a recipient of the Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, or Combat Medical Badge, as appropriate.

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

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