

SENATE BILL 89

By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to form and contents of
registration plates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103(b), is amended by deleting the present language in subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) The department shall issue two (2) types of registration plates pursuant to this section. The first type of registration plate shall have displayed upon it, in addition to a registration number, the year in which it expires and all or an abbreviation of the word, "Tennessee," and if the registration plate is issued for any type of vehicle other than a privately owned passenger vehicle not operated for hire, some symbol, or word, indicating the type vehicle for which the plate was originally issued. The second type of registration plate shall have displayed upon it, in addition to a registration number, the language "In God We Trust", all or a portion of the state flag, the year in which it expires and all or an abbreviation of the word, "Tennessee," and if the registration plate is issued for any type of vehicle other than a privately owned passenger vehicle not operated for hire, some symbol, or word, indicating the type vehicle for which the plate was originally issued. Registration plates shall bear individual distinctive alpha-numerical characters not to exceed a combination of six (6) as determined by the commissioner. Owners of motor vehicles registering or renewing such vehicles pursuant to this part may opt for either type of registration plate authorized in this subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.