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HOUSE BILL NO. 1110

Introduced by: Representatives Kooistra, Brooks, Crisp, and Davis and Senator Daugaard by request

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide distinctive motor vehicle license plates for
2 emergency medical technicians.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-5-113 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-5-113. Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of this state, who is a firefighter
6 or an EMT as defined by § 13-55-21 and who has complied with all of the laws of this state in
7 relation to the registration of a motor vehicle, may receive plates bearing a distinctive number
8 and design, and designating such person as a firefighter or as an EMT. ~~Such number~~ The
9 distinctive plates for firefighters shall be designed by the fire marshal and the distinctive plates
10 for EMTs shall be designed by the secretary of the Department of Health. The plates are subject
11 to the approval of the Department of Revenue. The distinctive plates shall be in addition to the
12 regular number plates issued for the motor vehicle pursuant to § 32-5-98. The distinctive plates
13 shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98 and the regular number plates shall be kept on or in
14 the motor vehicle.

15 Section 2. That § 32-5-114 be amended to read as follows:

1 32-5-114. Each person receiving firefighter or EMT distinctive number plates shall pay a fee
2 therefor which shall be fixed by the Department of Revenue so as to reimburse the State of
3 South Dakota for the cost of producing ~~such the~~ special number plates. All fees collected under
4 this section shall be placed in the license plate special revenue fund, as provided under § 32-5-67.

5 Section 3. That § 32-5-116 be amended to read as follows:

6 32-5-116. Any firefighter or EMT desiring distinctive license plates authorized by § 32-5-113
7 for use during the next year shall make application to the Department of Revenue specifying the
8 number of vehicles to be licensed, ~~his~~ the applicant's name, and the county of ~~his~~ residence. ~~The~~
9 ~~department shall notify the manufacturer of the number of special number plates required in~~
10 ~~sufficient time that such distinctive plates may be produced and sent to the department.~~

11 Section 4. That § 32-5-117 be amended to read as follows:

12 32-5-117. Each firefighter or EMT requesting ~~such the~~ special number plates shall be issued
13 a certificate showing ~~his~~ the applicant's county of residence and the number of vehicles upon
14 which ~~such the~~ special plates are to be used. ~~Such~~ The certificate shall bear the signature of the
15 secretary of revenue, and shall be in such form as the Department of Revenue provides.

16 Section 5. That § 32-5-118 be amended to read as follows:

17 32-5-118. Each firefighter or EMT shall apply to the county treasurer of the county of ~~his~~
18 the applicant's residence for the issuance of regular number plates for the motor vehicles owned
19 by ~~him~~ the applicant. ~~The firefighter applicant~~, in order to receive the distinctive plates, shall have
20 paid the fee for the regular number plates and submitted the registration slip for the regular
21 number plates to the Department of Revenue.

22 Section 6. That § 32-5-119 be repealed.

23 ~~32-5-119. A failure on the part of a firefighter to make application to the Department of~~
24 ~~Revenue for such special number plates as provided in § 32-5-116 will result in such member~~
25 ~~being required to accept regular number plates for his motor vehicle.~~

1 Section 7. That § 32-5-120 be amended to read as follows:

2 32-5-120. ~~Whenever~~ If any firefighter is discharged, separated, or retires ~~he~~ or any EMT
3 becomes decertified, the person shall surrender the distinctive number plates identifying ~~him~~ the
4 person as a firefighter or an EMT. The distinctive plates shall be surrendered to the secretary of
5 revenue who shall make the necessary changes in ~~his~~ the registration file. The firefighter or EMT
6 shall retain the regular number plates issued under § 32-5-113.

7 Section 8. That § 32-5-121 be amended to read as follows:

8 32-5-121. If at any time a motor vehicle subject to the distinctive number plates issued for
9 the firefighter ~~shall be~~ or EMT is sold, conveyed, or otherwise transferred by the firefighter ~~to~~
10 ~~whom such distinctive number plates have been issued, he~~ or EMT, the person shall notify the
11 Department of Revenue. The department ~~of revenue~~ shall process a new registration indicating
12 the motor vehicle to which the distinctive plates are to be transferred. The secretary shall make
13 the necessary changes in the file. The department shall notify the applicant of any corrections
14 which need to be made.

15 The regular number plates shall remain with the motor vehicle to which they were issued. If
16 the motor vehicle to which the distinctive plates are being transferred does not have valid regular
17 number license plates, the firefighter or EMT shall obtain regular number license plates.

18 Section 9. That § 32-5-122 be amended to read as follows:

19 32-5-122. All statutes of this state relating to the registration of motor vehicles, and the
20 titling and licensing of motor vehicles, the fees for registering, titling and licensing of motor
21 vehicles, and the retention of plates from year to year ~~shall be~~ are applicable to any firefighters
22 fighter or EMT and the distinctive plates issued in conformity with § 32-5-113.