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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1944

5 By: Representative Vaught  
6 By: Senator J. Boyd  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ACT OF  
10 2005; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A  
11 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE  
12 ARKANSAS EMS FOUNDATION; TO REPEAL THE GRAND LODGE OF  
13 ARKANSAS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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18 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF  
19 A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND  
20 SUPPORT THE ARKANSAS EMS FOUNDATION; AND  
21 TO REPEAL THE GRAND LODGE OF ARKANSAS  
22 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14, is  
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 27-24-1433. Arkansas EMS Foundation.

29 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration  
30 shall create and issue an Arkansas EMS Foundation special license plate in  
31 the manner and subject to the conditions provided for under this subchapter.

32 (b) The Arkansas EMS Foundation special license plate shall be:

33 (1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in  
34 consultation with the Arkansas EMS Foundation; and

35 (2) Numbered consecutively.

36 (c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-



1 1404(c)(1)(A) shall apply.

2 (d) The department shall issue a special license plate under this  
3 section to a motor vehicle owner upon payment of:

4 (1) The fee required by law for registration of the motor  
5 vehicle;

6 (2)(A) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design-use  
7 contribution.

8 (B) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly  
9 to the Arkansas EMS Foundation to be used exclusively to promote and support  
10 the Arkansas EMS Foundation; and

11 (3)(A) A handling and administrative fee of ten dollars  
12 (\$10.00).

13 (B) The handling and administrative fee shall be:

14 (i) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund  
15 for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and  
16 Administration; and

17 (ii) Credited to the division as supplemental and in  
18 addition to all other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of the  
19 division.

20 (C) The handling and administrative fee shall not be  
21 considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

22 (e)(1) A special license plate issued under this section may be  
23 renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.

24 (2) The division shall remit the fees collected under § 27-24-  
25 1405(b)(2) for the renewal of a special license plate issued under this  
26 section on a monthly basis to the Arkansas EMS Foundation.

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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-1428 is repealed.

29 ~~27-24-1428. Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate.~~

30 ~~(a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration~~  
31 ~~shall create and issue a Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate in the~~  
32 ~~manner and subject to the conditions provided for under this subchapter.~~

33 ~~(b) The Grand Lodge of Arkansas special license plate shall be:~~

34 ~~(1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in~~  
35 ~~consultation with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, the ruling body of the~~  
36 ~~Arkansas Masons; and~~

1 ~~(2) Numbered consecutively.~~

2 ~~(c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-~~  
 3 ~~1404(c)(1)(A) shall apply.~~

4 ~~(d) The department shall issue a special license plate under this~~  
 5 ~~section to a motor vehicle owner upon:~~

6 ~~(1) Presentment of a current dues card issued to the motor~~  
 7 ~~vehicle owner by the Arkansas Masonic Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons~~  
 8 ~~showing he has paid his annual membership dues; and~~

9 ~~(2) Payment of:~~

10 ~~(A) The fee required by law for registration of the motor~~  
 11 ~~vehicle;~~

12 ~~(B)(i) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design-~~  
 13 ~~use contribution.~~

14 ~~(ii) The design-use contribution shall be remitted~~  
 15 ~~monthly to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the~~  
 16 ~~State of Arkansas, and its Masonic Jurisdiction to be used exclusively to~~  
 17 ~~promote and support the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the Arkansas Masons; and~~

18 ~~(C)(i) A handling and administrative fee of ten dollars~~  
 19 ~~(\$10.00).~~

20 ~~(ii) The handling and administrative fee of ten~~  
 21 ~~dollars (\$10.00) shall be:~~

22 ~~(a) Deposited into the State Central Services~~  
 23 ~~Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and~~  
 24 ~~Administration; and~~

25 ~~(b) Credited to the division as supplemental~~  
 26 ~~and in addition to all other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of~~  
 27 ~~the division.~~

28 ~~(iii) The handling and administrative fee shall not~~  
 29 ~~be considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.~~

30 ~~(e)(1) A special license plate issued under this section may be~~  
 31 ~~renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.~~

32 ~~(2) However, the division shall remit the fees collected under §~~  
 33 ~~27-24-1405(b)(2) on a monthly basis to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free~~  
 34 ~~and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas, and its Masonic Jurisdiction.~~

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 36 /s/Vaught