



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1120

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Reisch**

1 **An Act to provide special motor vehicle license plates for advanced life support**  
 2 **personnel and 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:**

5 **32-5-113.** Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of this state, and has  
 6 a valid South Dakota driver license or nondriver identification card, who is a firefighter,  
 7 an advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical technician licensed pursuant  
 8 to chapter 36-4B, and who has complied with ~~all of the laws of this state law~~ in relation to  
 9 the registration of a motor vehicle, may receive plates bearing a special number and  
 10 design, and designating the person as a firefighter, advanced life support personnel, or  
 11 emergency medical technician. The distinctive number plates shall for a firefighter must  
 12 be designed by the fire marshal ~~and~~. The distinctive number plates for advanced life  
 13 support personnel and emergency medical technicians must be designed by the secretary  
 14 of health. The number plates are subject to the approval of the Department of Revenue.  
 15 The special plates ~~shall~~ must be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. These plates may  
 16 only be used on automobiles, pickup trucks, or vans licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6 or  
 17 pickup trucks pursuant to § 32-5-6.3.

18 **Section 2. That § 32-5-114 be AMENDED:**

19 **32-5-114.** In addition to the noncommercial license ~~plates~~ plate fees, a firefighter,  
 20 advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical technician receiving the special  
 21 license plates shall pay an additional fee of ten dollars for the initial issuance of the special  
 22 license plates. The special license plate fee collected under this section ~~shall~~ must be  
 23 placed in the license plate special revenue fund, as provided under § 32-5-67.

24 **Section 3. That § 32-5-118 be AMENDED:**

1           **32-5-118.** Each firefighter ~~shall~~, advanced life support personnel, or emergency  
2           medical technician must apply to the county treasurer of the county of the firefighter's,  
3           advanced life support personnel's, or emergency medical technician's residence for the  
4           issuance of special number plates for the motor vehicles owned by the firefighter,  
5           advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical technician. The firefighter,  
6           advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical technician, in order to receive the  
7           special plates, ~~shall have paid~~ must pay the registration fee for the plates.

8           **Section 4. That § 32-5-119 be AMENDED:**

9           **32-5-119.** A failure on the part of a firefighter, advanced life support personnel,  
10           or emergency medical technician to make application to the Department of Revenue for  
11           ~~such~~ the special number plates as provided in § 32-5-116 will result in ~~such member~~ the  
12           applicant being required to accept regular number plates for ~~his~~ the applicant's motor  
13           vehicle.

14           **Section 5. That § 32-5-120 be AMENDED:**

15           **32-5-120.** If ~~any~~ a firefighter, advanced life support personnel, or emergency  
16           medical technician is discharged, ~~separated,~~ or retires, the firefighter ~~shall~~, advanced life  
17           support personnel, or emergency medical technician must surrender the special number  
18           plates identifying ~~him or her~~ the person as a firefighter, advanced life support personnel,  
19           or emergency medical technician. The special plates ~~shall~~ must be surrendered to the  
20           secretary ~~of revenue,~~ who shall make the necessary changes in the registration file. The  
21           firefighter, advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical technician shall then  
22           obtain regular number plates.

23           **Section 6. That § 32-5-121 be AMENDED:**

24           **32-5-121.** If at any time a motor vehicle subject to the special number plates  
25           issued for the firefighter ~~shall be~~, advanced life support personnel, or emergency medical  
26           technician is sold, conveyed, or otherwise transferred by the firefighter, advanced life  
27           support personnel, or emergency medical technician to whom the special number plates  
28           have been issued, the firefighter ~~shall~~, advanced life support personnel, or emergency  
29           medical technician must notify the ~~Department of Revenue~~ department. The ~~Department~~  
30           of Revenue ~~department~~ shall process a new registration indicating that the special plates  
31           issued to the motor vehicle ~~to which the special plates are to~~ must be transferred. The

1 secretary shall make the necessary changes in the file. The department shall notify the  
2 applicant of any corrections ~~which~~ that need to be made.

3 **Section 7. That § 32-5-122 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-5-122.** All statutes of this state relating to the registration of motor vehicles,  
5 ~~and~~ the titling and licensing of motor vehicles; the fees for registering, titling, and  
6 licensing of motor vehicles; and the retention of plates from year to year ~~shall be~~ are  
7 applicable to ~~firefighters~~ any firefighter, advanced life support personnel, or emergency  
8 medical technician and the special plates issued in conformity with § 32-5-113.

9 **Section 8.** This Act is effective beginning March 1, 2025.