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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 3746

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 3746 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended by
5 adding Section 126 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/126 new)

7 Sec. 126. Volunteer Emergency Responder Appreciation Day.

8 The third Thursday in May of each year is designated Volunteer

9 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day in Illinois. Volunteer

10 firefighters, rescue squads, divers, emergency medical

11 technicians, and response teams sacrifice their time and lives

12 for their communities with little or no compensation. Volunteer

13 Emergency Responder Appreciation Day shall be observed

14 throughout the State by the citizens of Illinois with civic

15 remembrances of the sacrifices made on their behalf by the

16 volunteer emergency responders of Illinois, especially the

1 ultimate sacrifice given by those individuals who have lost
2 their lives in the line of duty.

3 Section 10. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is
4 amended by adding Section 17.2 as follows:

5 (20 ILCS 3305/17.2 new)

6 Sec. 17.2. Volunteer Emergency Responders.

7 (a) The Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund is created as a
8 special fund in the State treasury. All money in the Volunteer
9 Emergency Responder Fund shall be paid, subject to
10 appropriation by the General Assembly and distribution by the
11 Illinois Emergency Management Agency, to be used for the
12 following purposes:

13 (1) to purchase emergency response equipment on behalf
14 of a volunteer emergency response provider that
15 demonstrates need; and

16 (2) to hold an annual appreciation, memorial, and
17 commemoration ceremony and other related activities.

18 (b) The Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall hold an
19 annual meeting for volunteer emergency responders. The meeting
20 shall meet the following objectives:

21 (1) provide a communication forum where emergency
22 responders (both volunteer and professional) can join
23 together to discuss issues facing responders throughout
24 this State and encourage the formation of a working group

1 of volunteer responders;

2 (2) provide a forum to discuss the best ways to
3 organize, share, and coordinate resources for emergency
4 response throughout this State; and

5 (3) provide a mechanism through which recommendations
6 may be made concerning management and distribution of funds
7 in the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund.

8 The provisions of this subsection (b), other than this
9 sentence, are inoperative after December 31, 2014.

10 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
11 Section 5.811 as follows:

12 (30 ILCS 105/5.811 new)

13 Sec. 5.811. The Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund.

14 Section 20. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
15 Section 3-699 as follows:

16 (625 ILCS 5/3-699 new)

17 Sec. 3-699. Illinois volunteer emergency responder license
18 plates.

19 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in
20 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special
21 registration plates designated as Illinois volunteer emergency
22 responder license plates. The special plates issued under this

1 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the
2 first division and motor vehicles of the second division
3 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this
4 Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure
5 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

6 (b) The design and color of the plates is wholly within the
7 discretion of the Secretary. The Secretary may allow the plates
8 to be issued as vanity plates or personalized under Section
9 3-405.1 of the Code. The Secretary shall prescribe stickers or
10 decals as provided under Section 3-412 of this Code.

11 (c) An applicant for the special plate shall be charged a
12 \$25 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate
13 registration fee. Of this fee, \$10 shall be deposited into the
14 Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund and \$15 shall be deposited
15 into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be
16 used by the Secretary to help defray administrative processing
17 costs.

18 For each registration renewal period, a \$16 fee, in
19 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.
20 Of this fee, \$14 shall be deposited into the Volunteer
21 Emergency Responder Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the
22 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund.

23 (d) Moneys in the Volunteer Emergency Responder Fund shall
24 be distributed in accordance with Section 17.2 of the Illinois
25 Emergency Management Agency Act.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".