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Info about Emergency Tag Renewal for Ham radio operators

Last week I received the renewal for a couple of my vehicle tags for the emergency Ham radio tags. The renewal price was \$54.00 instead of the normal price of \$21.50 according to the dmv website. I recalled our meeting where we discussed the legislation sponsored by Senator Mike Bell to allow any licensed ham radio operator to have the emergency ham license plates. I shared this situation with Cliff, and attempted to share this with Danny but it came back undeliverable, and with Phil. Cliff had the excellent idea of sharing my email with Senator Mike Bell. Mike Bells office then contacted the Department of Motor Vehicles in Nashville. Today I received a phone call from a representative from the department of motor vehicles and this is what I learned.

A very nice person at the department of motor vehicles in Nashville called me today and shared with me that the legislation had been signed into law and was to take affect immediately for ham radio emergency tags to be at the normal price for tag renewals. She then called our local tag registration office saying it would be the first office contacted as they had not had time to officially reach out to the individual offices since the legislation took effect. She called me back after speaking with the local office, and told me they were ready for anyone needing to renew their ham radio emergency tags and would need the following when renewing: A McMinn county government issued emergency ID, or a copy of your ham radio license.

She did mention that the renewal notice will continue to show the higher rate, but with the above credentials, you would get the correct normal renewal rate.

Please be sure to thank Mike Bell for his sponsor/support for this legislation and for his assistance in eliminating a problem getting the legislation enacted on a local level. I hope this helps eliminate a problem when you go to renew your tags. Please feel free to share the above info. Thanks

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