

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1169

5 By: Representatives Walters, Roebuck, Rosenbaum
6 By: Senator J. Bookout
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
11 VETERAN LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM
15 VETERAN LICENSE PLATE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15 is amended to add an
21 additional subchapter to read as follows:

22 Subchapter 48.

23 Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran License Plate.

24 27-15-4801. Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate authorized.
25 The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall
26 issue a special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran motor vehicle license plate
27 in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed in this subchapter.
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29 27-15-4802. Design.

30 (a) The license plates issued under this subchapter shall be the
31 standard color and design as are currently issued by the Department of
32 Finance and Administration, except that in lieu of the legend "The Natural
33 State" or any succeeding legend, the license plates shall have placed across
34 the bottom a permanent decal bearing the words "Operation Iraqi Freedom
35 Veteran".



1 (b) The license plates issued under this subchapter shall be numbered
2 consecutively.

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4 27-15-4803. Eligibility.

5 (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall require proof
6 of eligibility for a special license plate under this subchapter.

7 (b) The proof shall be sufficient to establish that the applicant
8 honorably served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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10 27-15-4804.

11 (a) Upon payment of the fee required by law for the registration of
12 the vehicle and payment of an additional handling and administrative fee of
13 ten dollars (\$10.00) for the issuance of the special Operation Iraqi Freedom
14 Veteran license plate, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
15 issue to the vehicle owner an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate.

16 (b)(1) The handling and administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00)
17 shall be deposited to the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the
18 Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

19 (2) The fee shall not be considered or credited to the division
20 as direct revenues.

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22 27-15-4805. Renewal.

23 (a)(1) The special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate
24 issued under this subchapter may be renewed annually under the procedures in
25 § 27-15-4803 and under §§ 27-14-1012 and 27-14-1013.

26 (2) Registration may continue from year to year as long as it is
27 renewed each year within the time and manner required by law.

28 (b) Upon expiration or if the special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran
29 license plate is lost, the plate may be replaced with a regular license plate
30 at the fee specified in § 27-14-602(b)(6).

31 (c) If the special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate is
32 replaced with a new Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate, the owner
33 shall be required to pay the fees for the issuance of the license plate under
34 § 27-15-4803.

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36 27-15-4806. Transfer to another vehicle.

1 The special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate issued under
2 this subchapter may be transferred from one (1) vehicle to another as
3 provided in § 27-14-914.

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5 27-15-4807. Compliance with other laws -- Exemption from minimum
6 applications and discontinuation.

7 (a) The special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate shall
8 comply with all other state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and
9 licensing of motor vehicles unless specifically provided otherwise in this
10 subchapter.

11 (b) The special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate is
12 exempt from the minimum application requirements under § 27-15-4004(a) and
13 the discontinuation of the license plate under § 27-15-4004(b).

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15 27-15-4808. Rules and regulations.

16 The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall
17 promulgate reasonable rules and regulations and prescribe forms as the
18 director determines to be necessary for effectively and efficiently carrying
19 out the intent and purposes of this subchapter.

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21 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
22 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that since September 11, 2001, the
23 country has an increased need for soldiers to fight against terrorism abroad;
24 that Reservists and National Guard members risk their lives to protect and
25 defend our country; that military service in Operation Iraqi Freedom should
26 be honored; and that this act is immediately necessary to honor the veterans
27 of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and
28 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
29 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

30 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

31 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
32 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
33 bill; or

34 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
35 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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/s/ Walters, et al

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