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1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

**A BILL ACT 837 OF 1991**  
**HOUSE BILL 1717**

4 **By: Representatives Gilbert and McCoy**

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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 27, CHAPTER 15 TO  
9 CREATE A *RETIRED* UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE LICENSE  
10 PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15 is amended by adding the  
15 following new section:

16 "27-15-2601. United States Merchant Marine License Plate.

17 (a) Each Arkansas resident, who is a *retired* veteran of the United  
18 States Merchant Marine, is entitled to register one (1) automobile, as defined  
19 by § 27-14-601(a)(1), or one (1) Class One truck, as defined by §27-14-  
20 601(a)(3), and receive a *special Retired United States Merchant Marine license*  
21 *plate. The license plate shall be of standard color and design as is*  
22 *currently issued by the Department of Finance and Administration, except that*  
23 *in lieu of the legend 'The Natural State', it shall have placed across the*  
24 *bottom thereof a permanent decal bearing the words 'Retired US Veteran' and*  
25 *the letters 'USMM'.*

26 (b) The license plate shall be issued by the Department of Finance and  
27 Administration upon application containing a copy of the certificate of  
28 release (Form DD 214) or certificate issued pursuant to Public Law 87, 78th  
29 Congress as verification that the applicant served in the United States  
30 Merchant Marines during the period of October 1, 1940 through December 31,  
31 1945, and is therefore qualified to receive all applicable veterans benefits.

32 (c) The applicant shall pay the regular fee for license plates as  
33 prescribed by law.

34 (d) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may  
35 adopt reasonable regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
36 section."

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/ Ed Gilbert and Jack McCoy*

APPROVED: 3/27/91