

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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1 State of Arkansas
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3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1845

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5 By: Representatives Stewart, Cook, Pierce, R. Green
6 By: Senator Teague

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE REDESIGN AND
11 SIMPLIFICATION OF MILITARY SERVICE AND VETERANS
12 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; TO HELP WITH THE COSTS OF
13 PROVIDING MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS AT VETERANS'
14 FUNERALS; TO CREATE THE MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS
15 FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 TO AUTHORIZE THE REDESIGN AND
19 SIMPLIFICATION OF MILITARY SERVICE AND
20 VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 2 is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 27-24-209. Redesign and simplification of military service and
28 veterans special license plates.

29 (a) The Office of Motor Vehicle of the Revenue Division of the
30 Department of Finance and Administration shall redesign and simplify all
31 military service and veterans special license plates issued under this
32 subchapter that are in existence on September 1, 2009.

33 (b)(1) In place of the legend "The Natural State" at the bottom of the
34 special license plate, a decal for a veteran of each conflict authorized
35 under this subchapter shall be created.



1 (2) The design of the special license plate shall include a
2 blank space that is sufficient for the branch decal under subsection (c) of
3 this section or the medal decal under subsection (d) of this section.

4 (c)(1) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall design a branch decal based
5 on the official emblem for each of the following:

- 6 (A) The United States Army;
- 7 (B) The Army Reserve;
- 8 (C) The United States Navy;
- 9 (D) The Navy Reserve;
- 10 (E) The United States Marine Corps;
- 11 (F) The Marine Corps Reserve;
- 12 (G) The United States Air Force;
- 13 (H) The Air Force Reserve;
- 14 (I) The Coast Guard;
- 15 (J) The Coast Guard Reserve;
- 16 (K) The Army National Guard; and
- 17 (L) The Air National Guard.

18 (2)(A) The Office of Motor Vehicle is to seek the advice and
19 input of the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant
20 General for the State of Arkansas on the design of the branch decal.

21 (B) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall comply with the
22 provisions of 10 U.S.C. § 1057 and 10 U.S.C. § 7881.

23 (3) The branch decal shall be of a size to fit on the license
24 plate next to the officially designated license plate number.

25 (4) The applicant shall establish that he or she served in the
26 branch before the Office of Motor Vehicle issues the branch decal.

27 (5) If the applicant does not purchase a medal decal under
28 subsection (d) of this section, an employee of the Office of Motor Vehicle
29 shall affix the branch decal to the special license plate at the time of
30 issuance to the applicant,

31 (6) There is no additional charge for a branch decal under this
32 subsection.

33 (d)(1)(A) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall design and make available
34 for issuance medal decals for no more than five (5) medals awarded by a
35 branch of the armed services of the United States by January 1, 2010.

36 (B) Every two (2) years following the effective date of

1 this act, the Office of Motor Vehicle shall design and make available for
2 issuance no more than five (5) additional medal decals awarded by a branch of
3 the armed services of the United States.

4 (2) The medal decal is to be designed based on the official
5 medal that it represents.

6 (3) The Office of Motor Vehicle is to seek the advice and input
7 of the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant
8 General for the State of Arkansas on the design of the medal decal, which
9 medal decals should be issued, and the timing of the issuance of the medal
10 decals.

11 (4) The medal decal shall be of a size to fit on the license
12 plate next to the officially designated license plate number.

13 (5) The applicant shall establish that he or she was awarded the
14 medal before the Office of Motor Vehicle issues the medal decal.

15 (6) If an applicant purchases a medal decal under this
16 subsection, an employee of the Office of Motor Vehicle shall affix the medal
17 decal to the special license plate at the time of issuance to the applicant.

18 (7)(A) A fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged for the
19 medal decal under this subsection to be deposited to the credit of the
20 Military Funeral Honors Fund, § 19-6-811.

21 (B) An additional handling and administrative fee of one
22 dollar (\$1.00) shall be added to the cost of the medal decal under this
23 subsection for administrative costs.

24 (8) The medal decal under this subsection is optional and if it
25 is not purchased, the applicant will receive a branch decal as provided under
26 subsection (c) of this section.

27 (e) An applicant for a redesigned special license plate under this
28 section shall meet the requirements of this subchapter.

29 (f) Except as provided under subdivision (d)(7)(A) of this section,
30 the fee for issuance and renewal of a redesigned special license plate under
31 this section shall be as provided in § 27-24-206.

32 (g) Military service special license plates issued under this
33 subchapter before the effective date of this act shall be valid and are not
34 required to be exchanged until requested by the Office of Motor Vehicle.

35 (h) The Office of Motor Vehicle may use special license plates that
36 were created and purchased under this subchapter before the effective date of

1 this act.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 8 is amended
4 to add an additional section to read as follows:

5 19-6-811. Military Funeral Honors Fund.

6 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
7 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue
8 fund to be known as the "Military Funeral Honors Fund".

9 (b)(1) All moneys collected under § 27-24-209(d)(5)(A) shall be
10 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the fund as special
11 revenues.

12 (2) The fund shall also consist of any other revenues authorized
13 by law.

14 (c) The fund shall be used by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
15 assist with the cost of providing military funeral honors at veterans'
16 funerals.

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