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HOUSE BILL 1466

By: Representatives D. Wood and Maddox

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION FOR MILITARY SERVICE BY PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL DECALS, THAT MAY BE DISPLAYED ON MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 475 OF 1981 [ARK. STAT. 75-295] TO INCLUDE INACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, a number of laws have created special license plates to recognize certain types of military service;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to recognize other types of military service but it is expensive for the State to create special license plates for small groups of people; and

WHEREAS, recognition can be given to persons with military service without a great expense if special decals for license plates are used in lieu of special license plates,

NOW THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. (A) Any Arkansas resident meeting the following criteria may obtain a special license plate decal to be displayed along the bottom of his or her motor vehicle that is used for personal convenience and not for commercial purposes:

(1) a veteran of the Vietnam War may obtain a "Vietnam Veteran" decal;

(2) a veteran of the Korea Conflict may obtain a "Korean Conflict Veteran" decal;

(3) a World War II veteran may obtain a "W.W. II Veteran"

decal;

(4) a World War I veteran may obtain a "W.W I Veteran" decal;

(5) a veteran of the United States Armed Forces may obtain a "Armed Forces Veteran" decal; and

(6) a retired member of the Arkansas National Guard may obtain a "National Guard Retired" decal.

(B) A person applying to the Commissioner of Revenue for a special decal shall furnish proof of the person's eligibility to obtain a special decal and shall comply with all State laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. The fee for the special decal shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Act 475 of 1981, the same being Arkansas Statutes 75-295, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Each owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of Arkansas and who is a member of the United States Army Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, United States Marine Corps Reserve, or United States Air Force Reserve, upon application, accompanied by proof of membership in the reserve of one (1) of the foregoing services, and upon complying with the State motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the regular license fee for license plates as prescribed by law shall be issued a license plate described in Section 2 hereof for his private motor vehicle, used for his personal conveyance and not for commercial purposes. Only one (1) plate shall be issued to any such owner and such license plate shall be non-transferable."

SECTION 3. (A) Beginning on the effective date of this Act the Commissioner of Revenues may issue special decals and regular license plates in lieu of issuing special license plates under the following laws:

(1) Act 475 of 1981, relating to a "U.S. Armed Forces Reserves" license plate;

(2) Act 157 of 1985, relating to a "U.S. Armed Forces Retired" license plate;

(3) Act 57 of 1969, relating to a license plate for disabled World War I veterans;

(4) Act 36 of 1969, relating to a "Disabled Veteran" license plates;

(5) Act 7 of 1979, relating to a "POW" license plate;

(6) Section 1 of Act 56 of 1956, as amended, relating to additional special license plates;

(7) Act 891 of 1985, relating to a "Purple Heart" license plate.

(B) The special decals shall be in substantially the same form as the special license plates and shall be displayed along the bottom of a regular license plate.

(C) The fee for issuance of a regular license plate and special decal pursuant to this Section shall be the same as the fee, if any, for issuance of the appropriate special license plate under the laws cited in Subsection (A) of this Section.

(D) Special license plates issued pursuant to the laws cited in Subsection (A) of this Section shall not be invalidated and may continue to be displayed on motor vehicles.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

