

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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## 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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### 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:

#### Subchapter 48.

##### 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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##### 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".

36 (b) The license plates issued under this subchapter shall be numbered



1 consecutively.

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3 27-15-4803. Eligibility.

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

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

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9 27-15-4804.

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

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

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

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21 27-15-4805. Renewal.

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

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

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

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

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35 27-15-4806. Transfer to another vehicle.

36 The special Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate issued under

1 this subchapter may be transferred from one (1) vehicle to another as  
2 provided in § 27-14-914.

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4 27-15-4807. Compliance with other laws -- Exemption from minimum  
5 applications and discontinuation.

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

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

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14 27-15-4808. Rules and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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36 */s/ Walters, et al*