

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 2819

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5 By: Representative Pate  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A VETERAN WHO HAS A PERMANENT  
10 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING OF SEVENTY  
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13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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19 TO OBTAIN DISABLED VETERAN'S SPECIAL  
20 LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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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 15, Subchapter 4 is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 Subchapter 4.

28 Disabled Veterans - In General.

29 27-15-401. Purpose.

30 Any disabled American veteran obtaining free motor vehicle license  
31 plates under the provisions of § 27-15-501 et seq. may continue to obtain  
32 license plates under those provisions. It is the intent of this subchapter to  
33 extend the issuance of free motor vehicle license plates to other veterans of  
34 this state who ~~are totally and permanently disabled service-connected~~  
35 veterans have a permanent service-connected disability rating of seventy  
36 percent (70%) or more.



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27-15-402. Penalty.

(a) Any person violating the provisions of this subchapter or attempting to secure the benefits of this subchapter who is not entitled to the benefits of it shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b)(1) Upon conviction, a violator shall be required to pay the normal license fee for legally issued license plates and, in addition, shall be fined in the sum of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(2) Costs as provided by law in misdemeanor offenses shall be assessed.

27-15-403. License plates furnished - Fees.

(a)(1) Any American veteran who is a citizen and resident of the State of Arkansas, who is determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to ~~be a totally and permanently disabled service-connected veteran,~~ have a permanent service-connected disability rating of seventy percent (70%) or more and who is the owner of an automobile which is to be used by, or for, the ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled veteran, shall be provided, upon application, state automobile license plates free of charge, upon presentation of proof of the automobile owned by the ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled service-connected veteran.

(2) However, there shall be a payment annually of one dollar (\$1.00) to defray the cost of the issuance and renewal.

(b) Any county, city, or town in this state is forbidden from requiring any license or payment of any fee for any such motor vehicle license plates for the privilege of operating any such automobile upon the roads, streets, or alleys of any county, city, or town.

27-15-404. Design.

License plates furnished under this subchapter shall be of distinctive design prepared by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration to indicate thereon the words "Disabled Veteran".

27-15-405. Limitations.

(a) ~~No totally or permanently disabled service-connected veteran~~ A

1 veteran who has a permanent service-connected disability rating of seventy  
2 percent (70%) or more shall only be entitled to own or operate ~~more than~~ one

3 (1) motor vehicle with free license plates as provided in this subchapter.

4 (b) Any person entitled to a free special disabled American veteran  
5 license plate under § 27-15-403 may obtain one (1) additional set of disabled  
6 American veteran license plates for his or her other motor vehicles upon  
7 payment of the normal fee for licensing such motor vehicles.

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9 27-15-406. Transferability.

10 Any motor vehicle license plates issued under the provisions of this  
11 subchapter shall not be transferred to any person not entitled to receive  
12 such license plates as provided in this subchapter.

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14 27-15-407. Rights of surviving spouse.

15 (a) The surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as defined in  
16 this subchapter, shall, upon payment annually of one dollar (\$1.00) to defray  
17 the cost of the issuance and renewal, be issued the special disabled American  
18 veteran license plate provided for in this subchapter.

19 (b) The surviving spouse shall not be eligible for parking privileges  
20 in designated accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities unless  
21 the surviving spouse is a person with a disability, as defined in § 27-15-  
22 302(3).

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24 27-15-408. Parking privileges for disabled veterans.

25 A vehicle displaying a special "disabled veteran" license plate issued  
26 to a ~~totally and permanently disabled service-connected~~ veteran who has a  
27 permanent service-connected disability rating of seventy percent (70%) or  
28 more under § 27-15-403, or a valid "disabled veteran" license plate issued by  
29 another state, and being used for the actual transporting of a disabled  
30 veteran is permitted parking privileges in those areas designated for parking  
31 only by persons with disabilities under the Access to Parking for Persons  
32 with Disabilities Act, §§ 27-15-301 et seq.