

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

5 By: Representative Pate
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW A VETERAN WHO HAS A PERMANENT
10 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING OF *SEVENTY-*
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12 VETERAN'S SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER
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Subtitle

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19 *SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; AND FOR OTHER*
20 *PURPOSES.*
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15, Subchapter 4 is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 Subchapter 4.

29 Disabled Veterans - In General.

30 27-15-401. Purpose.

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



1 percent (100%) or more.

2 (b) If a veteran has a permanent service-connected disability rating
3 of at least seventy-five percent (75%) but less than one hundred percent
4 (100%), then the intent of this subchapter is to issue a disabled veteran
5 license plate to the veteran upon the payment of the fee required by law for
6 the registration and licensing of the motor vehicle.

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8 27-15-402. Penalty.

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

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

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

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19 27-15-403. License plates furnished - Fees.

20 (a)(1) Any American veteran who is a citizen and resident of the State
21 of Arkansas, who is determined by the United States Department of Veterans
22 Affairs to be a ~~totally and permanently disabled service-connected veteran,~~
23 have a permanent service-connected disability rating of one hundred percent
24 (100%) or more and who is the owner of an automobile which is to be used by,
25 or for, the ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled veteran, shall be provided, upon
26 application, state automobile license plates free of charge, upon
27 presentation of proof of the automobile owned by the ~~totally and permanently~~
28 disabled service-connected veteran.

29 (2) However, there shall be a payment annually of one dollar
30 (\$1.00) to defray the cost of the issuance and renewal.

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

35 (c) If a veteran has a permanent service-connected disability rating
36 of at least seventy-five percent (75%) but less than one hundred percent

1 (100%), then the veteran shall pay the fee required by law for the
2 registration and licensing of the motor vehicle.

3 (d)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall require the
4 annual renewal of license plates issued under this subchapter in a staggered
5 method of renewal.

6 (2) The department shall promulgate rules to administer this
7 subsection.

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9 27-15-404. Design.

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

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14 27-15-405. Limitations.

15 ~~(a) No totally or permanently disabled service-connected veteran~~ A
16 veteran who has a permanent service-connected disability rating of one
17 hundred percent (100%) or more shall only be entitled to own or operate ~~more~~
18 ~~than~~ one (1) motor vehicle with free license plates as provided in this
19 subchapter.

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

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25 27-15-406. Transferability.

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

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30 27-15-407. Rights of surviving spouse.

31 (a) The surviving spouse of a deceased ~~disabled veteran, as defined in~~
32 ~~this subchapter,~~ veteran who had a permanent service-connected disability
33 rating of one hundred percent (100%) or more, shall, upon payment annually of
34 one dollar (\$1.00) to defray the cost of the issuance and renewal, be issued
35 the special disabled American veteran license plate provided for in this
36 subchapter.

