

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

SENATE BILL 3

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5 By: Senator J. Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL
10 LICENSE PLATE FOR COLD WAR VETERANS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL
15 LICENSE PLATE FOR COLD WAR VETERANS.
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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 § 27-24-203 is amended to read as follows:
21 27-24-203. Definitions.

22 As used in this chapter:

23 (1) "Aid and attendance" means veterans benefits paid to a
24 veteran who because of physical disability cannot take care of himself or
25 herself and must be assisted by another person;

26 (2) "Cold War veteran" means any current or former member of the
27 armed forces of the United States who has received a Cold War Recognition
28 Certificate from the United States Secretary of Defense for service during
29 the Cold War Era from September 2, 1945, through December 26, 1991;

30 ~~(2)~~(3) "Disabled veteran" means any American veteran who:

31 (A) Is a citizen and resident of the State of Arkansas;

32 (B) Has been determined by the United States Department of
33 Veterans Affairs to be a totally and permanently disabled service-connected
34 veteran; and

35 (C) Is ~~either~~ an individual who is:

36 (i) The owner of a motor vehicle that is used by or



1 for the totally and permanently disabled veteran; or

2 (ii) Issued a motor vehicle by the United States
3 Department of Veterans Affairs under any public law;

4 ~~(3)~~(4) “Disabled veteran – Nonservice injury” means any American
5 veteran who:

6 (A) Is a citizen and resident of the State of Arkansas;

7 (B) Uses a wheelchair as a result of a nonservice-
8 connected catastrophic injury;

9 (C) Receives aid and attendance by the ~~department~~ United
10 States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

11 (D) (i) Is the owner of a motor vehicle that is used by
12 or for the totally and permanently disabled veteran; or

13 (ii) Is furnished a motor vehicle by the United
14 States Department of Veterans Affairs;

15 ~~(4)~~(5) “Disabled veteran – World War I” means a World War I
16 veteran who:

17 (A) Received a disabling injury while serving in the armed
18 forces of the United States during World War I; and

19 (B) Is either:

20 (i) The owner of a motor vehicle that is used by or
21 for the totally and permanently disabled veteran; or

22 (ii) Furnished a motor vehicle by the United States
23 Department of Veterans Affairs; and

24 ~~(5)~~(A)~~(6)~~(A) “Merchant Marine” means a person who establishes
25 that he or she:

26 (i) Served in the United States Merchant Marine
27 during the period of October 1, 1940, through December 31, 1945; and

28 (ii) Is qualified to receive all applicable
29 veteran’s benefits.

30 (B) A person shall establish that he or she is a Merchant
31 Marine under this subchapter by presenting a copy of the certificate of
32 release or Form DD 214 with his or her application.

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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-204 is amended to read as follows:
35 27-24-204. Existing special license plates.

36 (a) The following special license plates or license plates with

1 permanent decals for members and veterans of the armed forces of the United
 2 States and similar entities that were in existence or authorized by enactment
 3 on or before April 13, 2005, shall continue to be issued by the Director of
 4 the Department of Finance and Administration to an eligible applicant:

- 5 (1) Disabled Veteran;
- 6 (2) Disabled Veteran – World War I;
- 7 (3) Disabled Veteran – Nonservice injury;
- 8 (4) Medal of Honor Recipient;
- 9 (5) Ex-Prisoner of War;
- 10 (6) Military Reserve;
- 11 (7) Pearl Harbor Survivor;
- 12 (8) Merchant Marine;
- 13 (9) World War II Veteran;
- 14 (10) Korean War Veteran;
- 15 (11) Vietnam Veteran;
- 16 (12) Persian Gulf Veteran;
- 17 (13) Armed Forces Veteran;
- 18 (14) Distinguished Flying Cross;
- 19 (15) Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran; and
- 20 (16) Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran.

21 (b)(1) The Purple Heart Recipient special license plate that existed
 22 before April 13, 2005, shall continue to be issued by the director to an
 23 eligible applicant.

24 (2) However, on the Purple Heart Recipient special license
 25 plates issued after April 13, 2005, the words “Purple Heart – Combat Wounded”
 26 shall appear.

27 (c) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall
 28 issue a Cold War Veteran special license plate to an eligible applicant as
 29 provided under this subchapter.

30 ~~(e)~~(d) The director shall promulgate rules and forms to ensure that an
 31 owner of a motor vehicle who is issued a special license plate under this
 32 subchapter:

33 (1) Is eligible to be issued the particular special license
 34 plate based on his or her:

35 (A) Status as a disabled veteran, ~~or~~ veteran of a foreign
 36 war, or Cold War veteran;

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(B) Status of being the recipient of a military honor;

(C) Status of being an ex-prisoner of war; or

(D) Past or present military service; and

~~(2)(A)~~ Is an individual who:

(A) Has an honorable record of military service; or

(B) Was honorably discharged from military service.