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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1699

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A  
9 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE  
10 PLATE FOR MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE  
15 OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SPECIAL  
16 MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE FOR MEMBERS OF  
17 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-206(a), concerning fees and  
24 limitations for military and veterans' special license plates, is amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 27-24-206. Fees and limitations.

27 (a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section and in  
28 § 27-24-212(e), special license plates created and issued under this  
29 subchapter shall be free of charge to an eligible applicant.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 2, is  
32 amended to add additional sections as follows:

33 27-24-212. Veterans of Foreign Wars.

34 (a) The purpose of this section is to honor the service of members of  
35 the Veterans of Foreign Wars by providing a special license plate that is  
36 available for issuance.



1       (b) It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of  
2 Arkansas that the men and women who have served our country overseas and  
3 risked their lives to secure our freedom should be honored by the issuance of  
4 a free special license plate as provided under this subchapter.

5       (c) The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
6 issue a Veterans of Foreign Wars special license plate to an applicant who  
7 establishes upon initial application that he or she, by membership card or  
8 Lifetime Member card, is a member of the:

9           (1) Veterans of Foreign Wars;

10          (2) Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

11          (3) Men's Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

12          (4) Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

13          (5) Junior Girls of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of  
14 Foreign Wars; or

15          (7) Sons of the VFW.

16       (d)(1) The department shall design the special license plate issued  
17 under this section in consultation with the Department of Arkansas Veterans  
18 of Foreign Wars.

19           (2)(A) In place of the legend "The Natural State" at the bottom  
20 of the special license plate, a permanent decal shall be made available for a  
21 veteran of each conflict as authorized under § 27-24-204(9)-(12), (15), and  
22 (16).

23           (B) Alternatively, at the request of the applicant, in  
24 place of the legend "The Natural State" or any succeeding legend, there shall  
25 be placed across the bottom of the license plate a permanent decal bearing  
26 the words "Veterans of Foreign Wars".

27       (e)(1) The applicant shall pay a fundraising fee of ten dollars  
28 (\$10.00) for each special license plate issued or renewed under this section.

29           (2)(A) Additional fees shall not be charged for issuance of the  
30 first special license plate under this section to an eligible applicant.

31           (B) The Director of the Department of Finance and  
32 Administration may charge an annual renewal fee for an eligible applicant's  
33 first special license plate issued under this section not to exceed one  
34 dollar (\$1.00).

35           (3) Additional special license plates may be issued to and  
36 renewed by an eligible applicant under this section upon payment of the fee

1 required by law for registration or renewal of registration of the motor  
 2 vehicle.

3 (4) The fee set forth in subdivision (e)(1) of this section  
 4 shall be remitted monthly to The Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship  
 5 Fund.

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 7 27-24-213. Veterans of Foreign Wars motorcycle license plates.

8 (a) As used in this section:

9 (1) "Eligible applicant" means a person who establishes by  
 10 membership card or Lifetime Member card upon initial application that he or  
 11 she is a member of the:

12 (A) Veterans of Foreign Wars;

13 (B) Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

14 (C) Men's Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

15 (D) Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

16 (E) Junior Girls of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans  
 17 of Foreign Wars; or

18 (F) Sons of the VFW; and

19 (2) "Special motorcycle license plate" means a special license  
 20 plate issued under this section for a motorcycle as defined under § 27-20-  
 21 101(1).

22 (b) The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
 23 issue a special motorcycle license plate to an eligible applicant.

24 (c) The Department of Finance and Administration shall design the  
 25 special license plate issued under this section in consultation with the  
 26 Department of Arkansas Veterans of Foreign Wars.

27 (d)(1) The special license plate created and issued under this section  
 28 shall be free of charge to an eligible applicant.

29 (2) To defray the cost of the issuance and renewal of a special  
 30 license plate under this section, the department may charge an annual fee for  
 31 renewal not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00).

32 (e) The registration of a special license plate under this section may  
 33 continue from year to year if it is renewed each year within the time and  
 34 manner required by law.

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 36 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January

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