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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1137

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO  
10 MAY APPLY FOR A GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF FAMILY  
16 MEMBERS WHO MAY APPLY FOR A GOLD STAR  
17 LICENSE PLATE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-211 is amended to read as follows:  
23 27-24-211. Gold Star Family special license plates - Definitions.

24 ~~(a) The purpose of this section is to honor:~~

25 ~~(1) The spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces~~  
26 ~~whose spouse has been killed in a conflict recognized by the Department of~~  
27 ~~Defense; and~~

28 ~~(2) The parent of a member of the United States Armed Forces~~  
29 ~~whose child has been killed in a conflict recognized by the Department of~~  
30 ~~Defense.~~

31 (a) The purpose of this section is to honor the family members of a  
32 deceased service member.

33 ~~(b) The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to~~  
34 ~~issue one (1) Gold Star Family special license plate to an applicant who~~  
35 ~~establishes upon initial application that he or she:~~

36 ~~(1) Is the spouse or parent of a member of the United States~~



1 ~~Armed Forces who has been killed in a conflict recognized by the Department~~  
2 ~~of Defense; and~~

3 ~~(2) Has received a Gold Star Lapel Button issued by the~~  
4 ~~Department of Defense under 10 U.S.C. § 1126.~~

5 (b) The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to  
6 issue one (1) Gold Star Family special license plate to an applicant who  
7 establishes upon initial application that he or she is a family member of a  
8 deceased service member.

9 (c) There is no cost for the issuance or renewal of the Gold Star  
10 Family special license plate under this section.

11 (d)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall design the  
12 special license plates issued under this section as provided under this  
13 subsection.

14 (2) The design of the Gold Star Family special license plate  
15 shall include a large gold star on the left-hand side of the special license  
16 plate and a decal at the bottom of the plate that states "Gold Star Family"  
17 in lieu of the legend "The Natural State" or any succeeding legend.

18 (e) A Gold Star Family special license plate is not transferable as  
19 provided under § 27-24-207.

20 (f) The registration of a special license plate under this section may  
21 continue from year to year so long as it is renewed each year within the time  
22 and manner required by law.

23 (g) A family member applying for a Gold Star Family special license  
24 plate authorized by subsection (b) of this section shall provide the  
25 Department of Finance and Administration with:

26 (1) Evidence of the receipt of a Gold Star lapel button issued  
27 by the United States Department of Defense under 10 U.S.C. § 1126; or

28 (2) A copy of the final Leave and Earnings Statement issued to  
29 the deceased service member showing that he or she was entitled to:

30 (A) Hardship duty pay;

31 (B) Hostile fire pay; or

32 (C) Imminent danger pay.

33 (h) As used in this section:

34 (1) "Deceased service member" means a member of the United  
35 States Armed Forces who died while serving in:

36 (A) An area of conflict recognized by the United States

1 Department of Defense; or

2 (B) A location that entitles the deceased service member

3 to:

4 (i) Hardship duty pay;

5 (ii) Hostile fire pay; or

6 (iii) Imminent danger pay; and

7 (2) "Family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, or child of  
8 a member of the United States Armed Forces.

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