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HOUSE BILL 1699

By: Representatives Vines, J. Edwards

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE FOR MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE FOR MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 20, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-20-120. Veterans of Foreign Wars motorcycle license plates.

(a) As used in this section:

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

(A) Veterans of Foreign Wars;

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

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

(D) Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

(E) Junior Girls of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veteran of Foreign Wars; or

(F) Sons of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and



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

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

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

(d)(1) The special license plate created and issued under this section shall be issued and renewed to an eligible applicant under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section upon payment of a one dollar (\$1.00) fee, which the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to collect.

(2) An applicant that qualifies for a license plate under subdivisions (a)(1)(B) through (F) of this section shall pay the fee for licensing a motorcycle under § 27-14-601.

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

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-206(a), concerning fees and limitations for military and veterans' special license plates, is amended to read as follows:

27-24-206. Fees and limitations.

(a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section and in § 27-24-212, special license plates created and issued under this subchapter shall be free of charge to an eligible applicant.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 2 is amended to add additional sections as follows:

27-24-212. Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

(b) It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the men and women who have served our country overseas and risked their lives to secure our freedom should be honored by the issuance of

a free special license plate as provided under this subchapter.

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

- (1) Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- (2) Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- (3) Men's Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- (4) Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- (5) Junior Girls of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; or
- (6) Sons of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

(2) In place of the legend "The Natural State" at the bottom of the special license plate, a permanent decal shall be made available for a veteran of each conflict as authorized under § 27-24-204(9)-(12), (15), and (16), upon proof as required under § 27-24-204 that the applicant is eligible to be issued the decal.

(e) An applicant who qualifies for a special license plate under subdivision (c)(1) of this section:

(1)(A) Shall pay a fundraising fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the issuance and renewal of the first special license plate; and

(B) Shall pay an annual fee not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) that the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may charge for the issuance and renewal of the first special license plate; and

(2) May obtain and renew additional special license plates upon payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) fundraising fee and the fee for licensing a motor vehicle under § 27-14-601.

(f) An applicant that qualifies for a special license plate under subdivision (c)(2)-(6) of this section shall pay a fundraising fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and the fee for licensing a motor vehicle as provided in § 27-14-601 for the issuance and renewal of any license plate issued under this subdivision.

(g) The ten dollar (\$10.00) fundraising fee paid by any applicant on issuance or renewal of a special license plate under this section shall be remitted monthly to The Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2014.

/s/Vines

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