

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 45

By: Senator D. Wallace
By: Representative Painter

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT WOMEN VETERANS; TO REPEAL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE PLATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE WOMEN VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND TO REPEAL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE PLATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-24-204(a), concerning special license plates or license plates with permanent decals for members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The following special license plates or license plates with permanent decals for members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and similar entities that were in existence or authorized by enactment on or before April 13, 2005, shall continue to be issued by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration to an eligible applicant:

- (1) Disabled Veteran;
- (2) Disabled Veteran – World War I;
- (3) Disabled Veteran – Nonservice injury;
- (4) Medal of Honor Recipient;
- (5) Ex-Prisoner of War;
- (6) Military Reserve;



- (7) ~~Pearl Harbor Survivor;~~
- ~~(8)~~ Merchant Marine;
- ~~(9)~~(8) World War II Veteran;
- ~~(10)~~(9) Korean War Veteran;
- ~~(11)~~(10) Vietnam Veteran;
- ~~(12)~~(11) Persian Gulf Veteran;
- ~~(13)~~(12) Armed Forces Veteran;
- ~~(14)~~(13) Distinguished Flying Cross;
- ~~(15)~~(14) Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran; and
- ~~(16)~~(15) Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-206(c), concerning whether an eligible applicant may receive additional copies of special license plates, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An eligible applicant for the issuance or renewal of any of the following special license plates may obtain one (1) additional special license plate upon payment of a fee not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) and up to two (2) more additional special license plates under subdivision (b)(1) of this section:

- (1) ~~Pearl Harbor Survivor;~~
- ~~(2)~~ Medal of Honor Recipient;
- ~~(3)~~(2) Disabled Veteran;
- ~~(4)~~(3) Disabled Veteran – World War I;
- ~~(5)~~(4) Purple Heart Recipient; or
- ~~(6)~~(5) A retired member of the United States Armed Forces under § 27-24-210.

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

27-24-216. Women Veterans.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration shall create and issue a Women Veterans special license plate in the manner and subject to the conditions provided under this subchapter.

(b) The Women Veterans special license plate shall be:

(1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program;

and

(2) Numbered consecutively.

(c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-206 and § 27-24-209 apply.

(d) The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue a special license plate under this section to an applicant upon payment of:

(1) The fee required by law for registration or renewal of the motor vehicle;

(2)(A) Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the design-use contribution.

(B) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as follows:

(i) Until the Department of Veterans Affairs recovers the expenses incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans special license plate:

(a) Ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs as repayment of the expenses the Department of Veterans Affairs incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans special license plate; and

(b) Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund and support educational programs and conferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program; and

(ii) When the Department of Veterans Affairs has fully recovered the expenses incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans special license plate, the entire amount of the design-use contribution shall be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund and support educational programs and conferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program; and

(3) The fees as specified under § 27-24-206.

(e)(1) A woman veteran of the United States Armed Forces may apply for and annually renew a special license plate issued under this section as provided under § 27-24-206(a) and (b).

(2) As used in this section, "United States Armed Forces" means the:

(1) United States Army;

(2) United States Navy;

- (3) United States Air Force;
- (4) United States Marine Corps;
- (5) United States Space Force; and
- (6) United States Coast Guard.

(f)(1) Upon the initial application for a special license plate issued under this section, a woman veteran of the United States Armed Forces shall provide adequate proof to the Department of Finance and Administration that she meets the requirements of this section.

(2) The proof required under subdivision (f)(1) of this section may include without limitation:

(A) The applicant's Arkansas driver's license or identification card; and

(B) The applicant's DD form 214.

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

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective on and after October 1, 2025.

/s/D. Wallace