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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 6-124, as amended by Section 63,
9 Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section
10 6-124), which relates to issuance of license or
11 identification card to veterans; requiring certain
12 disabled veterans' disability rating be notated on
13 driver licenses or identification cards; allowing for
14 spouses and unremarried surviving spouses of certain
15 veterans to receive disability rating or veteran
16 status notation on driver licenses or identification
17 cards; requiring notation be accepted as proof of
18 sales tax exemption and veterans benefits; requiring
19 certain registration to receive notations; requiring
20 implementation of certain information exchange
21 process by certain date; authorizing the promulgation
22 of rules; and providing an effective date.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, as
amended by Section 63, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022,
Section 6-124), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans
who have served our country, Service Oklahoma shall make space

1 available in the upper left-hand corner of the front of the driver
2 license and the identification card for a flag emblem and the word
3 "veteran" ~~to~~. Similarly, when applicable, Service Oklahoma shall,
4 either on the front or back of the driver license or the
5 identification card, include a numeric designation indicating a
6 veteran's one-hundred-percent disability rating granted to the
7 veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The
8 veteran designations required by this subsection shall be designed
9 by Service Oklahoma ~~that will~~ and shall serve as a notation of
10 veteran status as well as a notation of the existence of a United
11 States Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating as
12 applicable. The current spouse of a one-hundred-percent disabled
13 veteran or an unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased one-
14 hundred-percent disabled veteran shall be entitled to receive a
15 driver license or identification card indicating his or her status
16 as an eligible current spouse or an eligible unremarried surviving
17 spouse entitled to the sales tax exemption provided in Section 1357
18 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Representation of veteran
19 status and disability rating on the driver license or the
20 identification card shall be adequate confirmation for purposes of
21 veterans benefits offered by public or private entities doing
22 business within the State of Oklahoma and no further documentation
23 shall be required except as specifically mandated by federal law.
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1 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
2 license or identification card and in addition to other
3 documentation required by Service Oklahoma, persons requesting the
4 flag emblem or the flag emblem and the disability notation shall be
5 registered with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry
6 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided,
7 that if the person requesting the flag emblem has previously
8 received a flag emblem pursuant to this subsection, no registration
9 with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry shall be
10 required to receive the flag emblem prior to the deadline
11 established in subsection C of this section. ~~Service Oklahoma shall~~
12 ~~promulgate any rule necessary to implement the provisions of this~~
13 ~~section.~~

14 C. Service Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
15 Affairs shall implement a technology-based information exchange
16 process whereby Service Oklahoma and all licensed operators are able
17 to validate, upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
18 license or identification card, an applicant's claim of veteran
19 status, veteran disability status, status as a current spouse of an
20 eligible disabled veteran or status as an unremarried surviving
21 spouse of an eligible, deceased disabled veteran as provided for in
22 subsection A of this section. The requirements of this subsection
23 shall be implemented no later than July 1, 2024.
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1 D. Service Oklahoma, in consultation with the Oklahoma
2 Department of Veterans Affairs, is authorized to promulgate any
3 necessary rules to implement the provisions of this section.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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