

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to special license plates; amending
8 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1135.2, as last amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp.
10 2020, Section 1135.2), which relates to special
11 license plates; creating the Veterans of the United
States Armed Forces License Plate; excluding certain
persons from eligibility for plate; requiring certain
documentation for issuing plate; and providing an
effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1135.2, as
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2019 (47 O.S. Supp.
17 2020, Section 1135.2), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1135.2. A. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is hereby
19 authorized to design and issue appropriate official special license
20 plates to persons in recognition of their service or awards as
21 provided by this section.

22 Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other
23 person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of
24 ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used

1 on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been
2 registered for the current year.

3 Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax
4 Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall
5 annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates.
6 The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain
7 instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor
8 license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be
9 issued on a staggered system except for legislative plates and
10 amateur radio operator license plates.

11 The Tax Commission is hereby directed to develop and implement a
12 system whereby motor license agents are permitted to accept
13 applications for special license plates authorized under this
14 section. The motor license agent shall confirm the applicant's
15 eligibility, if applicable, collect and deposit any amount
16 specifically authorized by law, accept and process the necessary
17 information directly into such system and generate a receipt
18 accordingly. For performance of these duties, motor license agents
19 shall retain the fee provided in Section 1141.1 of this title for
20 registration of a motor vehicle. The motor license agent fees for
21 acceptance of applications and renewals shall be paid out of the
22 Oklahoma Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund.

23 B. The special license plates provided by this section are as
24 follows:

1 1. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be
2 designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United
3 States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war
4 held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification
5 of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war
6 license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having
7 a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving
8 spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if the spouse has not
9 since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by
10 death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a prisoner of war
11 license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one
12 (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special
13 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to
14 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration
15 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

16 2. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National
18 Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide
19 proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be
20 required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

21 3. Air National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma Air National
23 Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide
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1 proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be
2 required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

3 4. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed
4 for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States
5 Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry
6 the emblem and name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or
7 Coast Guard, according to the branch of service to which the member
8 belongs or did belong. Former members who have been dishonorably
9 discharged shall not be eligible for such plates. Persons applying
10 for such license plate must show proof of present or past military
11 service by presenting a valid Uniformed Services Identity Card or
12 the United States Department of Defense Form (DD)214. Retired or
13 former members who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof
14 of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required
15 to provide proof of eligibility annually;

16 5. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient License Plates - such
17 plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been
18 awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Such persons may apply
19 for a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient license plate for each
20 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.
21 There shall be no registration fee for the issuance of this plate;

22 6. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be
23 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who are
24 missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if the spouse

1 has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is
2 terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, and each parent of the
3 missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon
4 presenting proper certification that the person is missing in action
5 and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse
6 or the parent of the missing person. The qualifying spouse and each
7 parent of the missing person may each apply for the missing in
8 action license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity
9 of one (1) ton or less;

10 7. Purple Heart Recipient License Plates - such plates shall be
11 designed for any resident of this state presenting proper
12 certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
13 or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying that such
14 resident has been awarded the Purple Heart military decoration.
15 Such persons may apply for a Purple Heart recipient license plate
16 for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
17 less. The surviving spouse of any deceased veteran who has been
18 awarded the Purple Heart military decoration, if such spouse has not
19 since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage has been terminated
20 by death, divorce or annulment, may apply for such plate for one
21 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
22 license plate created by this paragraph shall be exempt from the fee
23 provided by this section for special license plates;

1 8. Pearl Harbor Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be
2 designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the
3 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
4 the United States as being:

- 5 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December
6 7, 1941,
7 b. stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of
8 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor,
9 the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to
10 exceed three (3) miles, and
11 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
12 States Armed Forces.

13 Such person may apply for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate
14 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
15 less;

16 9. Iwo Jima License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
17 any resident of this state who can be verified by the United States
18 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United
19 States as being:

- 20 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces in February
21 of 1945,
22 b. stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate
23 vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and
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1 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
2 States Armed Forces.

3 Such person may apply for an Iwo Jima license plate for each
4 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

5 Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall
6 contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and
7 numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the
8 letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB."
9 at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such
10 plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other
11 license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the
12 placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of
13 registration after the initial issue;

14 10. D-Day Survivor License Plates - such plates shall be
15 designed for any resident of this state who can be verified by the
16 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
17 the United States as being:

18 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6,
19 1944,

20 b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of
21 Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such
22 participation cannot be verified by the United States
23 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of
24 the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its

1 discretion, accept evidence of such participation from
2 the person applying for the license plate, and
3 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United
4 States Armed Forces.

5 Such person may apply for a D-Day Survivor license plate for
6 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

7 11. Killed in Action License Plates - such plates shall be
8 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were
9 killed in action. The spouse of the deceased person, if the spouse
10 has not remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by
11 death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a killed in action
12 license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person
13 was killed in action and that the person making the application is
14 the qualifying spouse of the deceased person. The qualifying spouse
15 may apply for a killed in action license plate for no more than two
16 vehicles with each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1)
17 ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special
18 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to
19 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration
20 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

21 12. Gold Star Parents License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were
23 killed during a war. The parents of the deceased person may apply
24 for a gold star license plate upon presenting proper certification

1 that the person was killed during a war and that the person making
2 the application is the parent of the deceased person. The parent
3 may apply for a gold star parent license plate for no more than two
4 vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one
5 (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special
6 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to
7 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration
8 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

9 13. Military Decoration License Plates - such plates shall be
10 designed for any resident of this state who has been awarded the
11 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Cross, the
12 Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star military decoration or
13 the Silver Star military decoration. Such persons may apply for a
14 military decoration license plate for each vehicle with a rated
15 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

16 14. Vietnam Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United
18 States Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam Conflict. Such
19 persons may apply for a Vietnam veteran license plate for each
20 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

21 15. Police Officer License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed for any currently employed, reserve or retired municipal
23 police officer or full-time, reserve or retired university police
24 officer certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and
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1 Training or common education police officer certified by the Council
2 on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Police officers may
3 apply for police officer license plates for vehicles with a rated
4 capacity of one (1) ton or less or for a motorcycle upon proof of
5 employment by or retirement from a municipal, university or common
6 education police department by either an identification card or
7 letter from the chief of the police department or the Oklahoma
8 Police Pension and Retirement Board. Retirees who are eligible for
9 such plates shall provide proof of eligibility upon initial
10 application, but shall not be required to provide proof of
11 eligibility annually. The license plates shall be designed in
12 consultation with municipal police departments of this state;
13 provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design
14 to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in
15 order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

16 16. World War II Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United
18 States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be
19 verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of
20 Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having
21 served on federal active duty anytime during the period from
22 September 16, 1940, to December 7, 1945. The former members may
23 apply for a World War II Veteran license plate for vehicles with a
24 rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

1 The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall
2 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia
3 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold
4 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, U.S. Army Air Corps,
5 Marines or Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which
6 the member belonged. For the purpose of license plate
7 identification, the plate shall contain four digits, two digits at
8 the left and two digits at the right of the insignia or emblem.
9 Centered on the bottom of the license plate shall be the words
10 "WORLD WAR II";

11 17. Korean War Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be
12 designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United
13 States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be
14 verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of
15 Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having
16 served on federal active duty anytime during the period from June
17 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive. The former
18 members may apply for a Korean War Veteran license plate for
19 vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

20 The license plate shall have the legend "OKLAHOMA" and shall
21 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia
22 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold
23 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or
24 Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member

1 belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the
2 plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two
3 digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the
4 bottom of the license plate shall be the word "KOREA";

5 18. Municipal Official License Plates - such plates shall be
6 designed for persons elected to a municipal office in this state and
7 shall designate the name of the municipality and the district or
8 ward in which the municipal official serves. The plates shall only
9 be produced upon application;

10 19. Red Cross Volunteer License Plates - such plates shall be
11 designed to honor American Red Cross volunteers and staff who are
12 residents of this state. Such persons must present an
13 identification card issued by the American Red Cross and bearing a
14 photograph of the person. The license plate shall be designed with
15 the assistance of the American Red Cross and shall have the legend
16 "Oklahoma OK!" in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the legend the
17 symbol of the American Red Cross and no more than three letters and
18 three numbers shall be in the color Pantone 186C Red. Below the
19 symbol and letters and numbers shall be the words "American Red
20 Cross" in black. The plates shall not be subject to the design
21 requirements of any other license plates prescribed by law other
22 than the space for the placement of the yearly decals for each
23 succeeding year of registration after the initial issue;

1 20. Desert Storm License Plates - such plates shall be designed
2 and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the
3 United States Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf Crisis and
4 the Desert Storm operation. Such persons may apply for a Desert
5 Storm license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity
6 of one (1) ton or less;

7 21. Military Reserve Unit License Plates - such plates shall be
8 designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of
9 a reserve unit of the United States Armed Forces. Such persons may
10 apply for a Military Reserve Unit license plate for each vehicle
11 with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

12 22. Oklahoma City Bombing Victims and Survivors License Plates
13 - such plates shall be designed and issued to any victim or survivor
14 of the bombing attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in
15 downtown Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995;

16 23. Civil Air Patrol License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed and issued to any person who is a member of the Civil Air
18 Patrol. Such persons may apply for a Civil Air Patrol license plate
19 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
20 less upon proof of membership in the Civil Air Patrol. The license
21 plate shall be designed in consultation with the Civil Air Patrol;

22 24. Ninety-Nines License Plates - such plates shall be designed
23 and issued to members of the Ninety-Nines. Persons applying for
24 such license plate must show proof of membership in the Ninety-

1 Nines. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with
2 the Ninety-Nines;

3 25. Combat Infantryman Badge License Plates - such plates shall
4 be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge.
5 The plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK". Below the legend
6 shall be the Combat Infantryman Badge and three numbers. Below the
7 badge and the numbers shall be the words "Combat Infantryman Badge".
8 Such persons may apply for a Combat Infantryman Badge license plate
9 for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or
10 less;

11 26. Somalia Combat Veterans License Plates - such plates shall
12 be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member
13 of the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in the United
14 Nations relief effort. Such persons may apply for a Somalia Combat
15 Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
16 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

17 27. Police Chaplain License Plates - such plates shall be
18 designed and issued to members of the International Conference of
19 Police Chaplains (ICPC) who have completed the ICPC requirements for
20 basic certification as a police chaplain. The license plates shall
21 be designed in consultation with the ICPC;

22 28. Joint Service Commendation Medal License Plates - such
23 plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state
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1 who has been awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal by the
2 United States Secretary of Defense;

3 29. Merchant Marine License Plates - such plates shall be
4 designed, subject to criteria to be presented to the Tax Commission
5 by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, and issued to any
6 person who during combat was a member of the Merchant Marines as
7 certified by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Such
8 license plate may be issued for each vehicle with a rated carrying
9 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

10 30. Legislative License Plates - such plates shall be designed
11 for persons elected to the Oklahoma Legislature and shall designate
12 the house of the Legislature in which the legislator serves and the
13 district number;

14 31. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be
15 designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United
16 States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the
17 United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected
18 disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more, regardless which
19 agency pays the disability benefits, or that such veteran has been
20 awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a
21 grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the
22 purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability
23 rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons
24 may apply to the Tax Commission for a disabled veterans license

1 plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no
2 more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying
3 capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any
4 deceased disabled veteran, if the spouse has not since remarried, or
5 if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or
6 annulment, or a surviving spouse in receipt of Dependency and
7 Indemnity Compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
8 Affairs, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one
9 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
10 fee provided by this section for the special license plate
11 authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other
12 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees
13 levied by Section 1132 of this title. The total expense of this
14 license plate shall not exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00).

15 If the person qualifies for a disabled veterans license plate
16 and is also eligible for a physically disabled placard under the
17 provisions of Section 15-112 of this title, the person shall be
18 eligible to receive a disabled veterans license plate that also
19 displays the international accessibility symbol, which is a stylized
20 human figure in a wheelchair. Upon the death of the disabled
21 veteran with a disabled veterans license plate with the
22 international accessibility symbol, the plate shall be returned to
23 the Tax Commission;

1 32. United States Air Force Association License Plates - such
2 plates shall be designed for members of the United States Air Force
3 Association. Persons applying for such license plate must show
4 proof of membership in the Association. The license plates shall be
5 designed in consultation with the Association;

6 33. Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni License Plates - such
7 plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state
8 who is an alumnus of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Such persons
9 may apply for an Oklahoma Military Academy Alumnus license plate for
10 each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.
11 The license plates shall be designed in consultation with the
12 Oklahoma Military Academy and shall contain the shield of the
13 Academy;

14 34. Amateur Radio Operator License Plates - such plates shall
15 be designed and issued to any person, holding a valid operator's
16 license, technician class or better, issued by the Federal
17 Communications Commission, and who is also the owner of a motor
18 vehicle currently registered in Oklahoma, in which has been
19 installed amateur mobile transmitting and receiving equipment.
20 Eligible persons shall be entitled to two special vehicle
21 identification plates as herein provided. Application for such
22 identification plates shall be on a form prescribed by the Tax
23 Commission and the plates issued to such applicant shall have
24 stamped thereon the word "Oklahoma" and bear the official call

1 letters of the radio station assigned by the Federal Communications
2 Commission to the individual amateur operator thereof. All
3 applications for such plates must be made to the Tax Commission on
4 or before the first day of October of any year for such plates for
5 the following calendar year and must be accompanied by the fee
6 required in this section together with a certificate, or such other
7 evidence as the Tax Commission may require, of proof that applicant
8 has a valid technician class or better amateur operator's license
9 and proof of applicant's ownership of a vehicle in which radio
10 receiving and transmitting equipment is installed. Applicants shall
11 only be entitled to one set of special identification plates in any
12 one (1) year, and such calendar year shall be stamped thereon. The
13 right to such special identification plates herein provided for
14 shall continue until the amateur radio operator's license of the
15 person to whom such plates are issued expires or is revoked;

16 35. American Legion License Plates - such plates shall be
17 designed for members of the American Legion. Persons applying for
18 such license plate must show proof of membership. The license
19 plates shall be designed in consultation with the American Legion of
20 Oklahoma;

21 36. Deputy Sheriff License Plates - such plates shall be
22 designed for any currently employed or retired county sheriff or
23 deputy sheriff. County sheriffs or deputy sheriffs may apply for
24 such plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or
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1 less upon proof of employment by or retirement from a county
2 sheriff's office by either an identification card or letter from the
3 county sheriff or a government-sponsored retirement board from which
4 the county sheriff or deputy sheriff may be receiving a pension.
5 Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide proof of
6 eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be required to
7 provide proof of eligibility annually. The license plates shall be
8 designed in consultation with the county sheriff offices of this
9 state;

10 37. Gold Star Surviving Spouse License Plates - such plates
11 shall be designed to honor the surviving spouses and children of
12 qualified veterans. As used in this paragraph, "qualified veteran"
13 shall mean:

- 14 a. any person honorably discharged from any branch of the
15 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the
16 Oklahoma National Guard, who died as a direct result
17 of the performance of duties for any branch of the
18 United States Armed Forces or Oklahoma National Guard
19 while on active military duty, or
- 20 b. any person honorably discharged from any branch of the
21 United States Armed Forces or as a member of the
22 Oklahoma National Guard, who died as a result of
23 injury, illness or disease caused by the performance
24 of such duties while on active duty, whether the death

1 occurred while on active duty or after the honorable
2 discharge of such person.

3 The fee provided by this section for the special license plate
4 authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other
5 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees
6 levied by Section 1132 of this title;

7 38. Korea Defense Service Medal License Plates - such plates
8 shall be designed and issued to any resident of this state who has
9 been awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal by the United States
10 Secretary of Defense. Such persons may apply for a Korea Defense
11 Service Medal license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
12 capacity of one (1) ton or less;

13 39. 180th Infantry License Plates - such plates shall be
14 designed for members and prior members of the 180th Infantry.
15 Persons applying for such license plate must obtain and provide
16 proof of their membership from the 180th Infantry Association. The
17 license plates shall be designed in consultation with the 180th
18 Infantry;

19 40. Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran License Plates - such
20 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
21 present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in
22 Operation Iraqi Freedom. Such person may apply for an Operation
23 Iraqi Freedom Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated
24 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle;

1 provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design
2 to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in
3 order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

4 41. United States Air Force Academy Alumni License Plates -
5 such plates shall be designed and issued to any resident of this
6 state who is an alumnus of the United States Air Force Academy.

7 Such persons may apply for a United States Air Force Academy Alumnus
8 license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one
9 (1) ton or less;

10 42. Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran License Plate - such
11 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
12 present member of the United States Armed Forces who served in
13 Operation Enduring Freedom on or after September 11, 2001. The
14 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Military
15 Department of the State of Oklahoma. Such person may apply for an
16 Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran license plate for each vehicle
17 with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a
18 motorcycle; provided, the license plate for motorcycles may be of
19 similar design to the license plate for motor vehicles or may be a
20 new design in order to meet space requirements for a motorcycle
21 license plate;

22 43. Military Multi-Decoration License Plate - such plates shall
23 be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member
24 of the United States Armed Forces who qualifies for more than one

1 military decoration license plate pursuant to the provisions of this
2 section. The Tax Commission shall develop and implement a system
3 whereby the designs of the eligible license plates can be included
4 together on a single license plate. Such person may apply for a
5 Military Multi-Decoration license plate for each vehicle with a
6 rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

7 44. Global War on Terror Expeditionary License Plate - such
8 plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or
9 present member of the United States Armed Forces who has earned a
10 Global War on Terror Expeditionary decoration. The license plate
11 shall be designed in consultation with the United States Institute
12 of Heraldry and the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma.
13 Such person may apply for a Global War on Terror Expeditionary
14 license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one
15 (1) ton or less;

16 45. Legion of Merit Medal Recipient License Plates - such
17 plates shall be designed for any resident of this state presenting
18 proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans
19 Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States certifying that
20 such resident has been awarded the Legion of Merit military
21 decoration. Such persons may apply for a Legion of Merit recipient
22 license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying capacity of one
23 (1) ton or less. The license plate shall be designed in
24 consultation with the Military Department of the State of Oklahoma;

1 46. 1-179th License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
2 members, prior members and members of the household of a member or
3 former member of the 1-179th Infantry. Persons applying for such
4 license plate must obtain and provide proof of their membership
5 association with the 1-179th Infantry Association. The license
6 plate shall be designed in consultation with the 1-179th Infantry;

7 47. 2-179th License Plates - such plates shall be designed for
8 members, prior members and members of the household of a member or
9 former member of the 2-179th Infantry. Persons applying for such
10 license plate must obtain and provide proof of their membership
11 association with the 2-179th Infantry Association. The license
12 plate shall be designed in consultation with the 2-179th Infantry;

13 48. Combat Action Ribbon Recipient License Plates - such plates
14 shall be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Action Ribbon
15 who present proper certification from the United States Department
16 of the Navy. The license plate shall include the Combat Action
17 Ribbon earned by the recipient. Such persons may apply for a Combat
18 Action Ribbon Recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated
19 carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less;

20 49. Oklahoma Submarine Veterans License Plate - such plates
21 shall be designed for any resident of this state who is a United
22 States submarine veteran and presents either a Department of Defense
23 form 214 or other documentation certifying such service. Such
24 persons may apply for an Oklahoma Submarine Veterans license plate

1 for vehicles having a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
2 license plate design shall include both gold and silver dolphins to
3 represent both officer and enlisted service members;

4 50. United States Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps License
5 Plate - such plates shall be designed and issued to any honorably
6 discharged or present member of the United States Navy Seabees or
7 Civil Engineer Corps. Such persons may apply for a United States
8 Navy Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps license plate for vehicles
9 having a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The
10 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Military
11 Department of the State of Oklahoma;

12 51. Combat Action Badge Recipient License Plate - such plates
13 shall be designed to honor recipients of the Combat Action Badge who
14 present proper certification from the United States Army. The
15 license plate shall include the Combat Action Badge earned by the
16 recipient. Such persons may apply for a Combat Action Badge
17 Recipient license plate for vehicles having a rated carrying
18 capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the
19 license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design to the
20 license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in order to
21 meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate;

22 52. Iraq Combat Veteran License Plate - such plates shall be
23 designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of
24 the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in Operation Iraqi
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1 Freedom. Such persons may apply for an Iraq Combat Veteran license
2 plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton
3 or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the license plate for
4 motorcycles may be of similar design to the license plate for motor
5 vehicles or may be a new design in order to meet space requirements
6 for a motorcycle license plate;

7 53. Afghanistan Combat Veteran License Plate - such plates
8 shall be designed and issued to any honorably discharged or present
9 member of the United States Armed Forces who saw combat in Operation
10 Enduring Freedom. Such persons may apply for an Afghanistan Combat
11 Veteran license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying
12 capacity of one (1) ton or less, or for a motorcycle; provided, the
13 license plate for motorcycles may be of similar design to the
14 license plate for motor vehicles or may be a new design in order to
15 meet space requirements for a motorcycle license plate; and

16 54. Special Forces Association - such plates shall be designed
17 and issued to any honorably discharged or present member of the Army
18 Special Forces qualified and authorized to wear upon the person's
19 United States military uniform the Army Special Forces Tab. Persons
20 applying for the Special Forces Association license plate must
21 provide a copy of the orders awarding the Special Forces Tab or
22 authorizing its wear upon a United States military uniform. The
23 license plate shall be designed in consultation with the Special
24 Forces Association, Chapter 32-50. The Tax Commission shall produce

1 up to two distinct designs for the Special Forces Association
2 license plate. Qualified persons may select one design at the time
3 of application. The plates shall be issued to any qualified person
4 in any combination of numbers and letters from one to a maximum of
5 seven, as for personalized license plates; and

6 55. Veterans of the United States Armed Forces - such plates
7 shall be designed for veterans of the United States Armed Forces,
8 and shall identify which branch of service, carry the emblem and
9 name of either the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard,
10 according to the branch of service to which the member belonged and
11 shall reflect veteran status. Former members who have been
12 dishonorably discharged shall not be eligible for such plates.
13 Persons applying for such license plate must show proof of past
14 military service by presenting a valid United States Department of
15 Defense Form (DD)214 upon initial application but shall not be
16 required to provide proof of eligibility annually.

17 C. Unless otherwise provided by this section, the fee for such
18 plates shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to
19 all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License
20 and Registration Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma
21 Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration
22 of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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