

SENATE BILL 1752

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to the issuance of Combat
Action new specialty earmarked license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by deleting subdivisions (I) through (K) in their entireties and adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Combat Action, available in the following design options:

- (i) American Flag;
- (ii) Combat Action Badge;
- (iii) Combat Action Medal;
- (iv) Combat Action Ribbon, Coast Guard;
- (v) Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps;
- (vi) Combat Infantry Badge; and
- (vii) Combat Medical Badge;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-303, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a distinctive Combat Action new specialty earmarked license plate, in accordance with eligibility requirements of subsection (d), for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The Combat Action new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain a distinctive logo or other appropriate design representative of specific awards recognizing combat action or of support for military service members. The plates shall be designed in consultation with representatives from Centerstone Military Services and SAFE: Soldiers and Families Embraced. The Combat Action new specialty earmarked license plate shall be available in the following design options:

- (1) American Flag;
- (2) Combat Action Badge;
- (3) Combat Action Medal;
- (4) Combat Action Ribbon, Coast Guard;
- (5) Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps;
- (6) Combat Infantry Badge; and
- (7) Combat Medical Badge.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of Combat Action new specialty earmarked license plates shall be equally allocated to Centerstone Military Services and SAFE: Soldiers and Families Embraced, in accordance with § 55-4-215. The funds shall be used exclusively in this state to provide resources and support to veterans, service members, and their families.

(d)

(1) Eligibility for a Combat Action plate design specified in subdivisions (b)(2)-(7) shall be determined by the department by consulting the appropriate information on the DD214 form, or in a case of military service predating the year 1950, in consultation with appropriate information on the equivalent form or on other official documentation, or a written communication from the department of veterans services, the form, documentation, or communication certifying that the application for the plate is submitted by a recipient of an award identified in subdivisions (b)(2)-(7), as appropriate.

(2) There shall be no eligibility requirement or restriction for the Combat Action plate design specified in subdivision (b)(1).

(e) For purposes of § 55-4-201(h)(1), all license plates authorized or issued with a design option specified in subsection (b) shall be included jointly in any determinations for initial issuance and continuation of issuance.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.