

SENATE BILL 2421

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-10-109 and Title 42, relative to parking fee exemptions for military service members and veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 42, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A motor vehicle on which a valid military or memorial license plate described in subsection (b) is displayed is exempt from the payment of an airport parking fee collected or charged by an authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

(1) An owner or lessee of the vehicle;

(2) A disabled veteran, as described in § 55-4-256 or § 55-4-277, if the vehicle is registered under either section; or

(3) The owner or operator of a vehicle displaying a disabled veteran license plate issued by another state.

(b) The following are eligible military or memorial license plates:

(1) Congressional Medal of Honor, under § 55-4-258;

(2) Distinguished Service Cross, under § 55-4-259;

(3) Navy Cross, under § 55-4-259;

(4) Air Force Cross, under § 55-4-259;

(5) Silver Star, under § 55-4-259;

(6) Distinguished Flying Cross, under § 55-4-259;

(7) Bronze Star (Valor), under § 55-4-259;

- (8) Air Medal (Valor), under § 55-4-259;
- (9) Holder of the Purple Heart, under § 55-4-257;
- (10) Disabled Veteran, under § 55-4-256;
- (11) Disabled Veteran (service-connected), under § 55-4-277;
- (12) Former Prisoner of War, under § 55-4-261;
- (13) Bronze Star (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260;
- (14) Air Medal (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260; and
- (15) Legion of Merit, under § 55-4-275.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 42, Chapter 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A motor vehicle on which a valid military or memorial license plate described in subsection (b) is displayed is exempt from the payment of an airport parking fee collected or charged by an authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

- (1) An owner or lessee of the vehicle;
- (2) A disabled veteran, as described in § 55-4-256 or § 55-4-277, if the vehicle is registered under either section; or
- (3) The owner or operator of a vehicle displaying a disabled veteran license plate issued by another state.

(b) The following are eligible military or memorial license plates:

- (1) Congressional Medal of Honor, under § 55-4-258;
- (2) Distinguished Service Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (3) Navy Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (4) Air Force Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (5) Silver Star, under § 55-4-259;

- (6) Distinguished Flying Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (7) Bronze Star (Valor), under § 55-4-259;
- (8) Air Medal (Valor), under § 55-4-259;
- (9) Holder of the Purple Heart, under § 55-4-257;
- (10) Disabled Veteran, under § 55-4-256;
- (11) Disabled Veteran (service-connected), under § 55-4-277;
- (12) Former Prisoner of War, under § 55-4-261;
- (13) Bronze Star (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260;
- (14) Air Medal (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260; and
- (15) Legion of Merit, under § 55-4-275.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 42, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A motor vehicle on which a valid military or memorial license plate described in subsection (b) is displayed is exempt from the payment of an airport parking fee collected or charged by a municipality, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

- (1) An owner or lessee of the vehicle;
- (2) A disabled veteran, as described in § 55-4-256 or § 55-4-277, if the vehicle is registered under either section; or
- (3) The owner or operator of a vehicle displaying a disabled veteran license plate issued by another state.

(b) The following are eligible military or memorial license plates:

- (1) Congressional Medal of Honor, under § 55-4-258;
- (2) Distinguished Service Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (3) Navy Cross, under § 55-4-259;

- (4) Air Force Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (5) Silver Star, under § 55-4-259;
- (6) Distinguished Flying Cross, under § 55-4-259;
- (7) Bronze Star (Valor), under § 55-4-259;
- (8) Air Medal (Valor), under § 55-4-259;
- (9) Holder of the Purple Heart, under § 55-4-257;
- (10) Disabled Veteran, under § 55-4-256;
- (11) Disabled Veteran (service-connected), under § 55-4-277;
- (12) Former Prisoner of War, under § 55-4-261;
- (13) Bronze Star (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260;
- (14) Air Medal (Meritorious), under § 55-4-260; and
- (15) Legion of Merit, under § 55-4-275.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-10-109(e), is amended by deleting the language "except as expressly provided in this chapter" and substituting instead the language "except as expressly provided in this chapter or in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act".

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.