



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 791

HOUSE BILL NO. 3214

By Representatives Pitts, Montgomery, Curtis Johnson, Tidwell, Haynes, Camper, Powers, Maggart, Eldridge, Sparks, Womick, Hardaway, Moore, Parkinson, Ryan Williams

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2955

By Senators Barnes, Overbey, Beavers, Bell, Berke, Burks, Crowe, Ford, Harper, Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for veterans of U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253, is amended by deleting subdivisions (c)(9) and (c)(10) in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(9) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the strip along the bottom of the license plate shall read "Operation Iraqi Freedom", and the symbol on the left shall be crossed American and Republic of Iraq flags, below which shall appear the word "VETERAN" in letters of an appropriate size. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom to obtain the plate.

(10) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and active members of the United States armed forces serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, the strip along the bottom of the license plate shall read "Operation Enduring Freedom", and the symbol on the left shall be crossed American and Republic of Afghanistan flags, below which shall appear the word "VETERAN" in letters of an appropriate size. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation Enduring Freedom to obtain the plate.

SECTION 2. It is the legislative intent that the redesign of license plates provided for in Section 1 shall only be effectuated upon the existing inventory of such plates being utilized by the department of revenue.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253, is further amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(11):

(11) For honorably discharged veterans of Operation New Dawn and active members of the United States armed forces serving in Operation New Dawn, the plate shall be designed by the commissioner of veterans' affairs in consultation with the commissioner of revenue. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall also set proof of service requirements for veterans who have served or who are still serving in Operation New Dawn to obtain the plate.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 5, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR