

3 **Senate Bill No. 1457**  
4 **As Amended**

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1457 - By: BASS of the Senate and BANZ of the House.

6 [ **motor vehicles - providing special license plate - Korea**  
7 **Defense Service Medal Recipient - effective date** ]

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

9 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 504, O.S.L.  
10 2004, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 416, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S.  
11 Supp. 2005, Section 1135.2), is amended to read as follows:

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

16 Special license plates shall not be transferred to any other  
17 person but shall be removed from the vehicle upon transfer of  
18 ownership and retained. The special license plate may then be used  
19 on another vehicle but only after such other vehicle has been  
20 registered for the current year.

21 Special license plates shall be renewed each year by the Tax  
22 Commission or a motor license agent. The Tax Commission shall  
23 annually notify by mail all persons issued special license plates.  
24 The notice shall contain all necessary information and shall contain

1 instructions for the renewal procedure upon presentation to a motor  
2 license agent or the Tax Commission. The license plates shall be  
3 issued on a staggered system except for legislative plates and  
4 amateur radio operator license plates.

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

17 B. The special license plates provided by this section are as  
18 follows:

19 1. Prisoner of War License Plates - such plates shall be  
20 designed for honorably discharged or present members of the United  
21 States Armed Forces and civilians who were former prisoners of war  
22 held by a foreign country and who can provide proper certification  
23 of that status. Such persons may apply for a prisoner of war

1 license plate for no more than two vehicles with each vehicle having  
2 a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving  
3 spouse of any deceased former prisoner of war, if the spouse has not  
4 since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by  
5 death, divorce, or annulment, may apply for a prisoner of war  
6 license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one  
7 (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special  
8 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to  
9 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration  
10 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

11 2. National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be  
12 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma National  
13 Guard. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall provide  
14 proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not be  
15 required to provide proof of eligibility annually;

16 3. Air National Guard License Plates - such plates shall be  
17 designed for active or retired members of the Oklahoma Air 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 4. United States Armed Forces - such plates shall be designed  
22 for active, retired, former or reserve members of the United States  
23 Armed Forces, and shall identify which branch of service, and carry

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

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

17 6. Missing In Action License Plates - such plates shall be  
18 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who are  
19 missing in action. The spouse of such missing person, if the spouse  
20 has not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is  
21 terminated by death, divorce, or annulment, and each parent of the  
22 missing person may apply for a missing in action license plate upon  
23 presenting proper certification that the person is missing in action

1 and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse  
2 or the parent of the missing person. The qualifying spouse and each  
3 parent of the missing person may each apply for the missing in  
4 action license plate for each vehicle with a rated carrying capacity  
5 of one (1) ton or less;

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

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

22 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on December  
23 7, 1941,

- 1           b.    stationed on December 7, 1941, during the hours of  
2                   7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor,  
3                   the island of Oahu, or offshore at a distance not to  
4                   exceed three (3) miles, and  
5           c.    a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United  
6                   States Armed Forces.

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

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

- 14           a.    a member of the United States Armed Forces in February  
15                   of 1945,  
16           b.    stationed in February of 1945 on or in the immediate  
17                   vicinity of the island of Iwo Jima, and  
18           c.    a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United  
19                   States Armed Forces.

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

22          Such license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma OK" and shall  
23 contain three letters and three numbers. Between the letters and

1 numbers shall be a logo of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima. Below the  
2 letters, logo and numbers, the plate shall contain the words "FEB."  
3 at the left, "Iwo Jima" in the center and "1945" at the right. Such  
4 plates shall not be subject to the design requirements of any other  
5 license plates prescribed by law other than the space for the  
6 placement of the yearly decals for each succeeding year of  
7 registration after the initial issue;

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

- 12 a. a member of the United States Armed Forces on June 6,  
13 1944,
- 14 b. a participant in the Allied invasion of the coast of  
15 Normandy on June 6, 1944; provided, if such  
16 participation cannot be verified by the United States  
17 Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of  
18 the United States, the Tax Commission may, in its  
19 discretion, accept evidence of such participation from  
20 the person applying for the license plate, and
- 21 c. a recipient of an honorable discharge from the United  
22 States Armed Forces.

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

17       12. Gold Star Parents License Plates - such plates shall be  
18 designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were  
19 killed during a war. The parents of the deceased person may apply  
20 for a gold star license plate upon presenting proper certification  
21 that the person was killed during a war and that the person making  
22 the application is the parent of the deceased person. The parent  
23 may apply for a gold star parent license plate for no more than two

1 vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying capacity of one  
2 (1) ton or less. The fee provided by this section for the special  
3 license plate authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to  
4 all other registration fees provided by law, except the registration  
5 fees levied by Section 1132 of this title;

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

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

18 15. Police Officer License Plates - such plates shall be  
19 designed for any currently employed or retired municipal police  
20 officer. Police officers may apply for police officer license  
21 plates for vehicles with a rated capacity of one (1) ton or less  
22 upon proof of employment by or retirement from a municipal police  
23 department by either an identification card or letter from the chief

1 of the police department or the Oklahoma Police Pension and  
2 Retirement Board. Retirees who are eligible for such plates shall  
3 provide proof of eligibility upon initial application, but shall not  
4 be required to provide proof of eligibility annually. The license  
5 plates shall be designed in consultation with municipal police  
6 departments of this state;

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

16 The license plate shall have the legend "Oklahoma" and shall  
17 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia  
18 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold  
19 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or  
20 Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member  
21 belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the  
22 plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two

1 digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the  
2 bottom of the license plate shall be the words "WORLD WAR II";

3 17. Korean War Veteran License Plates - such plates shall be  
4 designed to honor honorably discharged former members of the United  
5 States Armed Forces who are residents of this state and who can be  
6 verified by the Oklahoma Military Department, the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the United States as having  
8 served on federal active duty anytime during the period from June  
9 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive. The former  
10 members may apply for a Korean War Veteran license plate for  
11 vehicles with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

12 The license plate shall have the legend "OKLAHOMA" and shall  
13 contain, in the center of the plate, either the Thunderbird Insignia  
14 of the 45th Infantry Division in the prescribed red and gold  
15 coloring or the emblem of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or  
16 Coast Guard according to the branch of service to which the member  
17 belonged. For the purpose of license plate identification, the  
18 plate shall contain four digits, two digits at the left and two  
19 digits at the right of the insignia or emblem. Centered on the  
20 bottom of the license plate shall be the word "KOREA";

21 18. Municipal Official License Plates - such plates shall be  
22 designed for persons elected to a municipal office in this state and  
23 shall designate the name of the municipality and the district or

1 ward in which the municipal official serves. The plates shall only  
2 be produced upon application;

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

17 20. Veterans of Foreign Wars License Plates - such plates shall  
18 be designed to honor the veterans of foreign wars and issued to any  
19 resident of this state who is a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars  
20 organization in this state. Such persons may apply for Veterans of  
21 Foreign Wars license plates upon proof of membership in a Veterans  
22 of Foreign Wars organization. The license plate shall be designed  
23 in consultation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization;

1           21. 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           22. 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           23. 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           24. 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           25. Ninety-Nines License Plates - such plates shall be designed  
23 and issued to members of the Ninety-Nines. Persons applying for

1 such license plate must show proof of membership in the Ninety-  
2 Nines. The license plates shall be designed in consultation with  
3 the Ninety-Nines;

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

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

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

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

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

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

16           32. Disabled Veterans License Plates - such plates shall be  
17 designed for persons presenting proper certification from the United  
18 States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Armed Forces of the  
19 United States certifying such veteran has a service-connected  
20 disability rating of fifty percent (50%) or more, regardless which  
21 agency pays the disability benefits, or that such veteran has been  
22 awarded a vehicle by the United States government or receives a  
23 grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the

1 purchase of an automobile due to a service-connected disability  
2 rating or due to the loss of use of a limb or an eye. Such persons  
3 may apply to the Tax Commission for a disabled veterans license  
4 plate or to a motor license agent for a regular license plate for no  
5 more than two vehicles with each vehicle having a rated carrying  
6 capacity of one (1) ton or less. The surviving spouse of any  
7 deceased disabled veteran, if the spouse has not since remarried, or  
8 if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce, or  
9 annulment, may apply for a disabled veterans license plate for one  
10 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less. The  
11 fee provided by this section for the special license plate  
12 authorized by this paragraph shall be in addition to all other  
13 registration fees provided by law, except the registration fees  
14 levied by Section 1132 of this title.

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

1           33. 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           34. 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           35. 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 Oklahoma  
23 Tax Commission and the plates issued to such applicant shall have

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

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

22 37. Deputy Sheriff License Plates - such plates shall be  
23 designed for any currently employed or retired county sheriff or

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

12 38. Surviving Spouse License Plates - such plates shall be  
13 designed for any resident of this state who is the surviving spouse  
14 of an honorably discharged veteran who died due to or as a  
15 consequence of a service-connected disability. Such surviving  
16 spouse may, if not since remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage  
17 is terminated by death, divorce or annulment, apply for a Surviving  
18 Spouse license plate for one vehicle with a rated carrying capacity  
19 of one (1) ton or less; and

20 39. Korea Defense Service Medal Recipient License Plates - such  
21 plates shall be designed for any resident of this state who has been  
22 awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal. Such persons may apply for

1 a Korea Defense Service Medal recipient license plate for each  
2 vehicle with a rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less.

3 C. Unless otherwise provided by this section, the fee for such  
4 plates shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00) and shall be in addition to  
5 all other registration fees provided by the Oklahoma Vehicle License  
6 and Registration Act. Such fees shall be deposited in the Oklahoma  
7 Tax Commission Reimbursement Fund to be used for the administration  
8 of the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-14-06 - DO  
11 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.