

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1198

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to veterans; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs to create a veterans' registry; requiring the registry contain certain information; authorizing the Department to promulgate rules; defining term; amending Section 1, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2014 (47 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-124), which relates to veteran designations on licenses and identification cards; specifying dates persons shall present certain proof; requiring Department of Public Safety to confirm veteran registration upon certain application after a certain date; providing exemption for previously identified veterans; authorizing the Department to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 421 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall create and maintain a registry of all veterans in this state. The registry shall include the following information regarding the veteran:

1. Name;

1 2. Military ranking and branch of service;

2 3. Dates of service; and

3 4. Date of death and place of burial, if applicable.

4 B. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall promulgate
5 rules for implementing the provisions of this section.

6 C. For purposes of this section, "veteran" means a person who
7 served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States who
8 was discharged or released with an honorable discharge.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 330, O.S.L.
10 2012, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2014 (47
11 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-124), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans
13 who have served our country, the Department of Public Safety shall
14 make space available in the upper left hand corner of the front of
15 the driver license and the identification card for a flag emblem and
16 the word "veteran" to be designed by the Department that will serve
17 as a notation of veteran status. ~~Upon~~

18 B. Prior to January 1, 2018, upon application for issuance or
19 renewal of the driver license or identification card and in addition
20 to other documentation required by the Department, persons
21 requesting the flag emblem shall show proof of present or past
22 military service by presenting:

23 1. A valid Uniformed Services Identity Card;

1 2. A United States Department of Defense Form (DD)214, (DD)215
2 or a World War II discharge document WD AGO Form or NavPers Form
3 that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under
4 honorable conditions";

5 3. An Oklahoma Army or Air National Guard NGB Form 22;

6 4. A United States Department of Veterans Affairs photo
7 identification card; or

8 5. A United States Uniformed Services DD Form 2 (Retired or
9 Reserve Retired) Identification Card.

10 C. Beginning January 1, 2018, except as otherwise provided in
11 this subsection, upon application for issuance or renewal of the
12 driver license or identification card, the Department of Public
13 Safety employee shall confirm the person requesting the flag emblem
14 has registered with the veterans' registry created by the Oklahoma
15 Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to Section 1 of this act.
16 Provided, that if the person requesting the flag emblem has been
17 previously identified as a veteran by the Department of Public
18 Safety, no further verification of status shall be required to
19 receive the flag emblem. The Department of Public Safety may adopt
20 and promulgate rules governing the use of the registry for
21 determination of eligibility for the issuance of the flag emblem.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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