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An Act relating to veteran parking spaces; authorizing special parking privileges for veterans; requiring certain signage and surface markings for veteran-designated parking spaces; requiring certain facility owner bear all costs; providing applicability to state statute and in certain circumstances; directing the Department of Public Safety to issue parking placard; providing length of validity of placard; providing procedure to replace placard; authorizing Department to promulgate rules; defining term; 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 15-120 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Municipalities and political subdivisions of this state with authority to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles shall authorize public and private facilities open to the general public to provide special parking privileges to a veteran who displays on a

1 motor vehicle operated by or under the direction and for the use of  
2 the veteran a veteran placard, issued pursuant to the provisions of  
3 this section.

4 B. The owners of the public or private facilities open to the  
5 general public that choose to designate parking space or spaces for  
6 veterans pursuant to this section shall post signage for each  
7 parking space containing the words "Veteran Reserved Parking". Each  
8 designated parking space shall be identified by surface markings  
9 containing the word "Veteran" and shall be maintained in a manner so  
10 as to be readily visible and accessible at all times. The owner of  
11 the facility designating the parking space or spaces shall bear the  
12 cost of the signage and surface markings.

13 C. No such special parking privilege, however, shall excuse the  
14 violation of any state statute, nor shall any such privilege be  
15 applicable where the standing or parking would create a dangerous  
16 situation or impede the normal flow of traffic.

17 D. The Department of Public Safety shall issue a detachable  
18 placard with a maroon background indicating veteran status with a  
19 large white capital letter "V" to a veteran who submits an  
20 application on a form furnished by the Department. The Department  
21 shall charge no more than One Dollar (\$1.00) for each placard.

22 E. A placard shall expire five (5) years from the last day of  
23 the month in which the placard was issued. Upon the expiration of a  
24 placard, the veteran to whom such placard was issued may obtain a

1 subsequent placard by reapplying to the Department, in the same  
2 manner as provided in subsection D of this section. In the event  
3 that a placard is lost or destroyed, the person to whom such placard  
4 was issued may apply in writing to the Department for a replacement  
5 placard, which the Department shall issue with the same expiration  
6 date as the original placard.

7 F. The Department shall have the power to formulate, adopt and  
8 promulgate rules as may be necessary to implement and administer the  
9 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to,  
10 prescribing the manner in which the placard is to be displayed on a  
11 motor vehicle.

12 G. As used in this section, "veteran" shall mean an individual  
13 who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch  
14 of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard.  
15 After November 1, 2020, a "veteran" shall also be registered with  
16 the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
17 Affairs.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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