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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, which relates to issuance of license or identification card to veterans; requiring certain disabled veterans' disability rating be notated on driver licenses or identification cards; allowing for spouses and unremarried surviving spouses of certain veterans to receive disability rating or veteran status notation on driver licenses or identification cards; requiring notation be accepted as proof of sales tax exemption and veterans benefits; requiring certain registration to receive notations; requiring implementation of certain information exchange process by certain date; authorizing the promulgation of rules; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans who have served our country, the Department of Public Safety shall make space available in the upper left-hand corner of the front of the driver license and the identification card for a flag emblem and the word "veteran" ~~to~~. Similarly, when applicable, the Department

1 of Public Safety shall, either on the front or back of the driver
2 license or the identification card, include a numeric designation
3 indicating a veteran's one hundred percent (100%) disability rating
4 granted to the veteran by the United States Department of Veterans
5 Affairs. The items required by this subsection shall be designed by
6 the Department ~~that will~~ of Public Safety and shall serve as a
7 notation of veteran status as well as a notation of the existence of
8 a United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating as
9 applicable. The current spouse of a one hundred percent (100%)
10 disabled veteran or an unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased,
11 one hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran shall be entitled to
12 receive a driver license or identification card indicating their
13 status as an eligible current spouse or an eligible unremarried
14 surviving spouse entitled to the sales tax exemption provided in
15 Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Representation
16 of veteran status and disability rating on the driver license and
17 the identification card shall be adequate confirmation for purposes
18 of veterans benefits offered by public or private entities doing
19 business within the State of Oklahoma and no further documentation
20 shall be required except as specifically mandated by federal law.

21 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
22 license or identification card and in addition to other
23 documentation required by the Department, persons requesting the
24 flag emblem or the flag emblem and the disability notation shall be

1 registered with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry
2 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided,
3 that if the person requesting the flag emblem has previously
4 received a flag emblem pursuant to this subsection, no registration
5 with the veterans registry shall be required to receive the flag
6 emblem prior to the deadline established in subsection C of this
7 section. ~~The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate any rule~~
8 ~~necessary to implement the provisions of this section.~~

9 C. The Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Department
10 of Veterans Affairs shall implement a technology-based information
11 exchange process whereby the Department of Public Safety and all
12 motor license agents are able to validate, upon application for
13 issuance or renewal of the driver license or identification card, an
14 applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran disability status,
15 status as a current spouse of an eligible, disabled veteran or
16 status as an unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible, deceased
17 disabled veteran as provided for in subsection A of this section.
18 The requirements of this subsection shall be implemented no later
19 than July 1, 2023.

20 D. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to promulgate
21 any necessary rules to implement the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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