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February 7, 2023

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 688

By: Stanley

An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, as amended by Section 63, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, 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; requiring compliance with certain standards for certain licenses; directing Service Oklahoma to seek certain federal approval; 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, as amended by Section 63, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, 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, Service Oklahoma 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

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

22 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
23 license or identification card and in addition to other
24 documentation required by Service Oklahoma, persons requesting the

1 flag emblem or the flag emblem and the disability notation shall be
2 registered with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry
3 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided,
4 that if the person requesting the flag emblem has previously
5 received a flag emblem pursuant to this subsection, no registration
6 with the veterans registry shall be required to receive the flag
7 emblem prior to the deadline established in subsection C of this
8 section.

9 C. Service Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
10 Affairs shall implement a technology-based information exchange
11 process whereby all motor license agents are able to validate, upon
12 application for issuance or renewal of the driver license or
13 identification card, an applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran
14 disability status, status as a current spouse of an eligible,
15 disabled veteran or status as an unremarried surviving spouse of an
16 eligible, deceased disabled veteran as provided for in subsection A
17 of this section. The requirements of this subsection shall be
18 implemented no later than July 1, 2024.

19 D. With regard to the issuance of REAL-ID compliant licenses
20 containing items described in subsection A of this section, Service
21 Oklahoma shall comply with all federal design requirements and shall
22 seek design approval from all necessary federal agencies, including
23 but not limited to the United States Department of Homeland
24 Security.

1 E. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate any rule necessary to
2 implement the provisions of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS AND TRANSPORTATION
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