

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2011
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1014

5 By: Representative J. Edwards
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO HONOR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
12 FORCES BY ALLOWING VETERAN STATUS DESIGNATION ON
13 ARKANSAS DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS;
14 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 THE NICK BACON REMEMBRANCE ACT: TO ALLOW
17 A VETERAN DESIGNATION ON DRIVER'S
18 LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; TO
19 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. This act shall be known and may be
26 cited as the "Nick Bacon Remembrance Act".
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8 is amended
29 to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 27-16-812. Veteran designation.

31 (a)(1) A person may apply to the Office of Driver Services to obtain a
32 veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card issued under
33 this subchapter by providing:

34 (A) A United States Department of Defense discharge
35 document, otherwise known as a DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of
36 "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that establishes the



1 person's service in the armed forces of the United States; and

2 (B) Payment of the fee for the driver's license or
 3 identification card authorized under this chapter.

4 (2) If the person is seeking a duplicate or substitute driver's
 5 license with the veteran designation and his or her driver's license has not
 6 expired, the fee shall be as provided under § 27-16-806.

7 (b) The Office of Driver Services may:

8 (1) Determine the appropriate placement of the veteran
 9 designation on the driver's licenses and identification cards authorized
 10 under this section; and

11 (2) Promulgate the necessary rules for the administration of
 12 this section.

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 14 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 15 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a person's status as a veteran
 16 can easily be included on a driver's license; that this information can be
 17 helpful for the veteran to secure benefits more easily; that having this
 18 information on driver's licenses can be helpful to law enforcement,
 19 especially when the veteran has recently returned from combat, as many of our
 20 young veterans have; and that this act is immediately necessary because it
 21 will streamline administrative procedures for veterans and assist law
 22 enforcement. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
 23 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
 24 safety shall become effective on:

25 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

26 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 27 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 28 bill; or

29 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 30 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.