

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 688

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 6-124, as amended by Section 63,  
9 Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section  
10 6-124), which relates to issuance of license or  
11 identification card to veterans; requiring certain  
12 disabled veterans' disability rating be notated on  
13 driver licenses or identification cards; allowing for  
14 spouses and unremarried surviving spouses of certain  
15 veterans to receive disability rating or veteran  
16 status notation on driver licenses or identification  
17 cards; requiring notation be accepted as proof of  
18 sales tax exemption and veterans benefits; requiring  
19 certain registration to receive notations; requiring  
20 implementation of certain information exchange  
21 process by certain date; requiring compliance with  
22 certain standards for certain licenses; directing  
23 Service Oklahoma to seek certain federal approval;  
24 and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, as  
20 amended by Section 63, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
21 Section 6-124), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans  
23 who have served our country, Service Oklahoma shall make space  
24 available in the upper left-hand corner of the front of the driver

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

23 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver  
24 license or identification card and in addition to other

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

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

21 D. With regard to the issuance of REAL-ID compliant licenses  
22 containing items described in subsection A of this section, Service  
23 Oklahoma shall comply with all federal design requirements and shall  
24 seek design approval from all necessary federal agencies, including

1 but not limited to the United States Department of Homeland  
2 Security.

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

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

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