

House Bill 468

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 special license plates for veterans, so as to add veterans who served in Operation Iraqi  
3 Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism; to provide for  
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 40-2-85.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to special license  
8 plates for veterans, is amended by revising subsections (a), (c), and (d) as follows:

9 "(a)(1) Motor vehicle owners who are retired veterans of the armed forces of the United  
10 States or persons who served and were discharged under honorable conditions during  
11 ~~World War I~~, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, ~~or~~ Operation Desert  
12 Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or the Global War on  
13 Terror as defined by Presidential Executive Order 13289, Section 2, shall be eligible to  
14 receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, trucks, or  
15 recreational vehicles used for personal transportation. Such license plates shall be issued  
16 in compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of  
17 motor vehicles as prescribed in Article 2 of this chapter.

18 (2)(A) Motor vehicle owners who retired from active duty with the armed forces of the  
19 United States shall be issued upon application for and upon compliance with the state  
20 motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles a retired  
21 veteran's license plate. One such retired veteran's license plate shall be issued without  
22 the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee.

23 (B) Each retired member of the armed forces shall be entitled to no more than one such  
24 free license plate at a time; provided, however, that upon payment of a manufacturing  
25 fee of \$25.00, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate. For each

26 additional license plate for which a \$25.00 manufacturing fee is required, there shall be  
 27 an additional annual registration fee of \$25.00 which fee shall be collected by the  
 28 county tag agent at the time of collection of other registration fees and shall be remitted  
 29 to the state as provided in Code Section 40-2-34."

30 "(c) The special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be as prescribed in Article 2 of  
 31 this chapter for private passenger cars or trucks used for personal transportation. Such  
 32 plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters  
 33 prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners as retired veterans of the armed  
 34 forces of the United States or persons who served and were discharged under honorable  
 35 conditions during ~~World War I~~, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, ~~or~~  
 36 Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or the  
 37 Global War on Terror as defined by Presidential Executive Order 13289, Section 2, and  
 38 shall additionally, for such plates manufactured after July 1, 2001, identify distinctly the  
 39 owner as a veteran of one of the following branches of the armed forces: Army, Navy,  
 40 Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard.

41 (d) The license plate issued pursuant to this Code section shall be transferred between  
 42 vehicles as provided in Code Section 40-2-80. The spouse of a deceased retired veteran  
 43 of the armed forces of the United States or of a deceased person who served and was  
 44 discharged under honorable conditions during ~~World War I~~, World War II, the Korean  
 45 War, the Vietnam War, ~~or~~ Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation  
 46 Enduring Freedom, or the Global War on Terror as defined by Presidential Executive Order  
 47 13289, Section 2, shall continue to be eligible to be issued a distinctive personalized license  
 48 plate as provided in this Code section for any vehicle owned by such veteran ownership of  
 49 which is transferred to the surviving spouse or for any other vehicle owned by such  
 50 surviving spouse either at the time of the qualifying veteran's death or acquired thereafter,  
 51 so long as such person does not remarry."

52 **SECTION 2.**

53 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.