## Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 51 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/5/25	
2	95th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2025		SENATE BILL 45
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5	By: Senator D. Wallace		
6	By: Representative Painter		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A		
10	SPECIAL LI	CENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT	WOMEN
11	VETERANS; TO REPEAL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE		
12	PLATE; AND	FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle	
16	TO AU	THORIZE THE CREATION OF THE WOMEN	
17	VETER	RANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND TO	
18	REPEA	AL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE	
19	PLATE	ì <b>.</b>	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 27-24-204(a), concernin	g special license
24	plates or license plate	es with permanent decals for member	s and veterans of
25	the United States Arme	d Forces, is amended to read as fol	lows:
26	(a) The following	ng special license plates or licens	e plates with
27	permanent decals for me	embers and veterans of the United $S$	tates Armed Forces
28	and similar entities the	hat were in existence or authorized	by enactment on or
29	before April 13, 2005,	shall continue to be issued by the	Secretary of the
30	Department of Finance	and Administration to an eligible a	pplicant:
31	(1) Disab	led Veteran;	
32	(2) Disab	led Veteran — World War I;	
33	(3) Disab	led Veteran — Nonservice injury;	
34	(4) Medal	of Honor Recipient;	
35	(5) Ex-Pr	isoner of War;	
36	(6) Milita	ary Reserve;	

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                 (7) Pearl Harbor Survivor;
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                 (8) Merchant Marine;
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                 (9)(8) World War II Veteran;
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                 (10)(9) Korean War Veteran;
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                 (11)(10) Vietnam Veteran;
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                 (12)(11) Persian Gulf Veteran;
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                 (13)(12) Armed Forces Veteran;
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                 (14)(13) Distinguished Flying Cross;
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                 (15)(14) Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran; and
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                 (16)(15) Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran.
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           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-24-206(c), concerning whether an
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     eligible applicant may receive additional copies of special license plates,
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     is amended to read as follows:
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                 (c) An eligible applicant for the issuance or renewal of any of
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     the following special license plates may obtain one (1) additional special
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     license plate upon payment of a fee not to exceed one dollar ($1.00) and up
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     to two (2) more additional special license plates under subdivision (b)(1) of
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     this section:
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                 (1) Pearl Harbor Survivor;
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                 (2) Medal of Honor Recipient;
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                 (3)(2) Disabled Veteran;
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                 (4)(3) Disabled Veteran - World War I;
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                 (5)(4) Purple Heart Recipient; or
                 (6)(5) A retired member of the United States Armed Forces under
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     § 27-24-210.
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           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 2, is
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     amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
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           <u>27-24-216. Women Veterans.</u>
           (a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration
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     shall create and issue a Women Veterans special license plate in the manner
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     and subject to the conditions provided under this subchapter.
           (b) The Women Veterans special license plate shall be:
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                 (1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in
     consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program;
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1	<u>and</u>		
2	(2) Numbered consecutively.		
3	(c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-206 and		
4	§ 27-24-209 apply.		
5	(d) The Department of Finance and Administration shall issue a special		
6	license plate under this section to an applicant upon payment of:		
7	(1) The fee required by law for registration or renewal of the		
8	<pre>motor vehicle;</pre>		
9	(2)(A) Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the design-use		
10	contribution.		
11	(B) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly		
12	to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be used as follows:		
13	(i) Until the Department of Veterans Affairs		
14	recovers the expenses incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans special		
15	license plate:		
16	(a) Ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be used by the		
17	Department of Veterans Affairs as repayment of the expenses the Department of		
18	Veterans Affairs incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans special		
19	license plate; and		
20	(b) Five Dollars (\$5.00) shall be used by the		
21	Department of Veterans Affairs to fund and support educational programs and		
22	conferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program; and		
23	(ii) When the Department of Veterans Affairs has		
24	fully recovered the expenses incurred in the creation of the Women Veterans		
25	special license plate, the entire amount of the design-use contribution shall		
26	be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund and support educational		
27	programs and conferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans		
28	Program; and		
29	(3) The fees as specified under § 27-24-206.		
30	(e)(1) A woman veteran of the United States Armed Forces may apply for		
31	and annually renew a special license plate issued under this section as		
32	provided under § 27-24-206(a) and (b).		
33	(2) As used in this section, "United States Armed Forces" means		
34	the:		
35	(1) United States Army;		
36	(2) United States Navy;		

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1	(3) United States Air Force;		
2	(4) United States Marine Corps;		
3	(5) United States Space Force; and		
4	(6) United States Coast Guard.		
5	(f)(l) Upon the initial application for a special license plate issued		
6	under this section, a woman veteran of the United States Armed Forces shall		
7	provide adequate proof to the Department of Finance and Administration that		
8	she meets the requirements of this section.		
9	(2) The proof required under subdivision (f)(1) of this section		
10	may include without limitation:		
11	(A) The applicant's Arkansas driver's license or		
12	identification card; and		
13	(B) The applicant's DD form 214.		
14	(g) The registration of a special license plate under this section may		
15	continue from year to year as long as it is renewed each year within the time		
16	and in the manner required by law.		
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18	SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. EFFECTIVE DATE.		
19	This act is effective on and after October 1, 2025.		
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21	/s/D. Wallace		
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24	APPROVED: 2/13/25		
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