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*Bill Analysis*  
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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Makes persons who served in the armed forces of the United States in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and who are on active duty or are honorably discharged veterans eligible to apply for and receive veterans license plates that currently are available to veterans of other military actions and wars.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Current law provides that any person who served in the armed forces of the United States in certain areas of military action or during certain wars and who is on active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar the person owns or leases. The areas and wars specified include in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm or in Kuwait during Operation Desert Shield, in Panama, Grenada, or Lebanon during those respective invasions, during the Vietnam or Korean conflicts, or during World War II or World War I. Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under the applicable provisions, presentation of satisfactory evidence of the required military service, and payment of the regular license tax and any applicable local tax, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by existing law. In accordance with rules adopted by the Registrar, each license plate is inscribed with identifying letters or numerals and the word "VETERAN" and also with a design and words indicating service in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, or Lebanon, or during the Vietnam or Korean conflict, or during World War II or World War I. (R.C. 4503.53.)

The bill makes any person who served in the armed forces of the United States in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and who is on active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran eligible to apply for and to receive these veterans license plates after presenting satisfactory evidence of such military service at the time of application. The person is required to comply with all other applicable registration requirements and pay the required fees. In such a case, the license plates the person receives will be inscribed with a design and words indicating service in Afghanistan or Iraq, as appropriate.

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## **HISTORY**

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