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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1298

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act;
- 2 to amend section 60-4,112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
- 3 section 60-462, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide for
- 4 the issuance of veteran, honorary, and distinctive licenses; to
- 5 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-462, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
2 amended to read:

3 60-462 Sections 60-462 to 60-4,189 and section 3 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act.

5 Sec. 2. Section 60-4,112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:

7 60-4,112 Sections 60-4,114.01 and 60-4,118.01 to 60-4,130.05 and
8 section 3 of this act shall apply to the operation of any motor vehicle
9 except a commercial motor vehicle.

10 Sec. 3. (1)(a) This section shall not be interpreted as affecting
11 the rights and privileges of a person holding a veteran, honorary, or
12 distinctive license.

13 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to authorize
14 the department to impose any charge or fee of any type for the issuance
15 or renewal of a veteran, honorary, or distinctive license.

16 (c) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations on
17 types and classes of vehicles that may be operated by the holder of a
18 veteran, honorary, or distinctive license.

19 (2) The director shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
20 prescribing the proof required by an applicant for a veteran, honorary,
21 or distinctive license.

22 (3)(a) The contents of a veteran, honorary, or distinctive license
23 shall be the same as for any other operator's or driver's license.

24 (b) Each veteran, honorary, and distinctive license shall be
25 permanently issued and shall not be subject to any fees.

26 (c)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(c)(ii) of this section,
27 each veteran, honorary, and distinctive license shall be valid until the
28 tenth birthday of the license holder after the date of issuance of the
29 license.

30 (ii) Each veteran, honorary, and distinctive license requires annual
31 renewal on and after the sixty-fifth birthday of the license holder to

1 remain a valid operator's or driver's license.

2 (4) A veteran license may be issued to:

3 (a) Any veteran who is a resident of this state at the time of
4 application for the license, who served in the active military, naval, or
5 air service, and who was discharged or released from such service under
6 conditions other than dishonorable;

7 (b) Any member or former member of the Nebraska National Guard or
8 reserve forces who served on active duty or who has twenty or more years
9 of creditable service in the Nebraska National Guard or reserve forces;
10 and

11 (c) Any veteran who is a United States citizen or resident of this
12 state at the time of application for the license and who served on active
13 duty in the armed forces of an ally of the United States during wartime
14 or any conflict when personnel were committed by the President of the
15 United States, whether or not such veteran was assigned to a unit or
16 division which directly participated in such war or conflict and who was
17 discharged or separated under honorable conditions.

18 (5) An honorary license may be issued to:

19 (a) A resident of this state who is the surviving spouse of a
20 veteran as described in subdivision (4)(a) of this section. Such license
21 shall be valid only as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried; or

22 (b) A resident of this state who is the spouse of a veteran who
23 would be qualified to receive a veteran license but who is disabled to
24 the extent that the veteran cannot operate a motor vehicle.

25 (6) A distinctive license may be issued to any member of the
26 Nebraska National Guard in good standing who has completed at least one
27 year of satisfactory service. The department may cancel the distinctive
28 license of any person upon receipt of written notice from the Adjutant
29 General that the person is no longer a member of the Nebraska National
30 Guard in good standing. The Adjutant General shall notify the department
31 within thirty days after such occurrence.

1 Sec. 4. Original section 60-4,112, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, and section 60-462, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, are
3 repealed.