

HOUSE BILL 1972

By Garrett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to issuance of registration
plates for veterans with disabilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-256, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) A veteran who has served in the military, naval, marine, or air services of the United States, is a resident of Tennessee, has any other service-connected disability that is not a one hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability, and is eligible to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits or supplemental security income (SSI) shall be entitled, upon submission of the documentation required by subdivision (e)(2), upon compliance with the registration laws, and upon payment of the regular registration fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, and payment of one-half (½) of the fee provided for in § 55-4-204(c)(1), to the issuance of the registration plates provided for by this section.

(2) A veteran who applies for a disabled veteran plate pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) shall provide:

(A) A copy of the notice of award of social security disability insurance (SSDI) benefits or supplemental security income (SSI); and

(B)

(i) A certified copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge, department of defense form 214 (DD 214), showing dates of service and that the applicant received an honorable discharge; or

(ii) A certified copy of the applicant's department of defense form DD form 2 (Retired) identification.

(f) A veteran who has served in the military, naval, marine, or air services of the United States, is a resident of Tennessee, has a service-connected disability that is not a one hundred percent (100%) permanent total disability, and is not eligible to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) shall be entitled, upon submission of both a licensed physician's statement stating the nature of the veteran's disability and the documentation required by subdivision (e)(2)(B), upon compliance with the registration laws, and upon payment of the regular registration fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, and payment of the fee provided for in § 55-4-204(c)(1), to the issuance of the registration plates provided for by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.