

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver Licensing.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to special number plates for military service, allows veterans of the Korean conflict to have "Korea Veteran" imprinted on their Hawaii license plates. Although existing statute also provides for annotation of veteran status on driver's licenses, it is difficult for veterans of the Korean conflict to qualify for the veteran's driver's license annotation provision.

The purpose of this Act is to clarify that the definition of "veteran" for purposes of notation on a driver's license includes veterans of the Korean conflict and certain persons who served during the Korean conflict and meet additional requirements.

SECTION 2. Section 286-109, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Upon payment of the required fee and upon demonstrating the ability to operate a certain category or categories of motor vehicles to the satisfaction of the examiner of drivers, an applicant for a driver's license shall be issued a single license of a design approved by the director of transportation upon which is made a notation of:

- (1) The category or categories of motor vehicles the applicant may operate;
- (2) Any restrictive provisions to which the license is subject;
- (3) Veteran status, if desired by the applicant; provided that the notation shall be on the front of the license and shall not include any designation other than the term "veteran"; and
- (4) When the license is issued to a person under twenty-one years of age, a statement, in clearly legible print that shall contrast with the other information appearing on the license, which indicates the date on which the person will attain the age of twenty-one years.

As used in this subsection, "veteran" means any person who served in any of the uniformed services of the United States, including veterans of the Korean conflict and persons who served in the armed forces of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens, and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 3. Section 286-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) Every application shall state the full name, date of birth, sex, occupation, veteran status if applicable (including veterans of the Korean conflict and persons who served in the armed forces of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean conflict and are currently United States citizens) and desired by the applicant, social security number if the applicant is eligible for a social security number, the residence address, and business address, if any, of the applicant, shall briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a driver, and, if so, when and in what state or country, and whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or

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whether an application has ever been refused, and if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or refusal.”

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved April 26, 2016.)