
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that totally disabled
2 veterans can receive certain benefits, such as property tax
3 exemptions, special housing accommodations, and employment
4 preferences. In Hawaii, 27,252 veterans received disability
5 compensation in 2017, and 3,075 of those veterans were
6 designated as 100 per cent disabled according to the United
7 States Veterans Administration.

8 Hawaii state law allows for a special "veteran" designation
9 on state driver's licenses and identification cards for the
10 convenience of verifying their status for applicable benefits.
11 Currently, these forms of identification do not include
12 information pertaining to disability status. Since totally
13 disabled veterans receive special benefits beyond those afforded
14 to all veterans, licenses and identification cards should be
15 updated to reflect this information. Adding a special
16 designation on licenses and identification cards is a small



1 extension of appreciation and recognition of their service and
2 sacrifice on behalf of our country, State, and communities.

3 The purpose of this Act is to add an additional designation
4 to licenses and identification cards reflecting 100 per cent
5 disabled veteran status if desired by the applicant.

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

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

14 (1) The category or categories of motor vehicles the
15 applicant may operate;

16 (2) Any restrictive provisions to which the license is
17 subject;

18 (3) Veteran status, if desired by the applicant; provided
19 that the notation shall be on the front of the license
20 and shall not include any designation other than the
21 term "veteran"; [~~and~~]



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1 (4) One hundred per cent disabled veteran status, if
 2 desired by the applicant; provided that the notation,
 3 or a symbol or an abbreviation thereof, shall be on
 4 the front of the license and shall not include any
 5 designation other than the term "one hundred per cent
 6 disabled veteran"; and

7 [~~4~~] (5) When the license is issued to a person under
 8 twenty-one years of age, a statement, in clearly
 9 legible print that shall contrast with the other
 10 information appearing on the license, which indicates
 11 the date on which the person will attain the age of
 12 twenty-one years.

13 As used in this subsection [~~7~~]:

14 "One hundred per cent disabled veteran" means any person
 15 who has been designated as such from the United States
 16 Department of Veterans Affairs, which states that the person
 17 sustained service-related disabilities that rendered the person
 18 permanently and totally disabled.

19 [~~"veteran"~~] "Veteran" means any person who served in any of
 20 the uniformed services of the United States, including veterans
 21 of the Korean conflict and persons who served in the armed



1 forces of the Republic of Korea, who fought under the command of
 2 the United Nations led by the United States, during the Korean
 3 conflict and are currently United States citizens, and was
 4 discharged under conditions other than dishonorable."

5 SECTION 2. Section 286-111, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 6 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

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



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

3 SECTION 4. Section 286-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) Every application for an identification card or
6 duplicate of an identification card shall be made on a form
7 developed by the director and furnished by the examiner of
8 drivers, signed by the applicant, and signed by the applicant's
9 parent or guardian if the applicant is under eighteen years of
10 age. The application shall contain the following information:

11 (1) Name and complete address, including the number and
12 street name, of the applicant's permanent residence;

13 (2) The applicant's occupation and any pertinent data
14 relating thereto;

15 (3) The applicant's citizenship status;

16 (4) The applicant's veteran status, if applicable and
17 desired by the applicant;

18 (5) The applicant's one hundred per cent disabled veteran
19 status, if applicable and desired by the applicant;

20 [~~5~~] (6) The applicant's date and place of birth;



1 [~~(6)~~] (7) General description of the applicant, including
2 the applicant's gender, height, weight, hair color,
3 and eye color;

4 [~~(7)~~] (8) The applicant's left and right index fingerprints
5 or, if clear impressions cannot be obtained, other
6 identifying imprints as specified by rules of the
7 director;

8 [~~(8)~~] (9) The social security number of the applicant; and

9 [~~(9)~~] (10) A digitized frontal photograph of the applicant's
10 full face.

11 Each applicant shall present documentary evidence as required by
12 the examiner of drivers of the applicant's age and identity, and
13 the applicant shall swear or affirm that all information given
14 is true and correct."

15 SECTION 5. Section 286-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

17 "(b) The examiner of drivers, after obtaining the
18 fingerprint of the applicant as provided in this part and after
19 obtaining the information required by or pursuant to this part,
20 shall issue to each applicant an identification card in a form



1 and with identifying information that the director deems
2 necessary and appropriate, including:

3 (1) [a] A notation of veteran status, if desired by the
4 applicant, on the front of the card where applicable[+
5 ~~provided that such notation shall not include any~~
6 ~~designation other than the term "veteran"]~~. As used
7 in this subsection, "veteran" means any person who
8 served in any of the uniformed services of the United
9 States and was discharged under conditions other than
10 dishonorable[-]; and

11 (2) A notation, or a symbol or an abbreviation thereof, of
12 one hundred per cent disabled veteran status, if
13 desired by the applicant, on the front of the card
14 where applicable. As used in this subsection, "one
15 hundred per cent disabled veteran" means any person
16 who has been designated as such from the United States
17 Department of Veterans Affairs, which states that the
18 person sustained service-related disabilities that
19 rendered the person permanently and totally disabled;



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1 provided that such notation shall not include any designation
2 other than the term "veteran" or "one hundred per cent disabled
3 veteran"."

4 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes the designation of "one hundred per cent disabled veteran" on drivers' licenses, instruction permits, and civil identification cards.

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