

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 134

BY REPRESENTATIVE BADON

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Authorizes placement of an "Honorable Discharge" designation on the drivers' licenses of certain individuals

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:412(M) and R.S. 40:1321(M), relative to drivers' licenses and special  
3 identification cards; to authorize the designation of "Honorable Discharge" on  
4 drivers' licenses and special identification cards under certain circumstances; to  
5 authorize the promulgation of administrative rules; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:412(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §412. Amount of fees; credit or refund; duration of license; veteran designation; "I'm  
10 a Cajun" designation; disbursement of funds; renewal by mail or electronic  
11 commerce of Class "D" or "E" drivers' licenses; disposition of certain fees;  
12 exception

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14 M. Upon request, the words "Honorable Discharge" shall be exhibited in the  
15 color black below the person's photograph on the driver's license, regardless of its  
16 class, upon presentation of a copy of the person's DD Form 214, Discharge Papers  
17 and Veterans Separation Documents, issued by the United States Department of  
18 Defense, or equivalent, as established by administrative rule. No additional fee shall  
19 be charged to include such designation. The deputy secretary of the Department of  
20 Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall comply with the

1 provisions of this Subsection. The deputy secretary of the Department of Public  
2 Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall establish rules and regulations  
3 as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

4 Section 2. R.S. 40:1321(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

5 §1321. Special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; "I'm a Cajun"  
6 designation; fees; expiration and renewal; exceptions; promulgation of rules;  
7 promotion of use; persons less than twenty-one years of age; the Protect and  
8 Serve our Children Program; Selective Services Registration

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an "Honorable Discharge" designation to be placed on drivers' licenses and special identification cards. Requires the veteran to request the designation and prove honorable discharge status.

Proposed law provides that public safety services, within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, shall include the designation "Honorable Discharge" on drivers' licenses and special identification cards. Requires the wording be in black below the photograph.

Proposed law only requires the placement of the designation if the person requests it and provides proof of honorable discharge status. Honorable discharge status can only be proven

by the submission of a DD Form 214 or equivalent as established by the department pursuant to administrative rule.

Proposed law authorizes public safety services to promulgate rules to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 32:412(M) and R.S. 40:1321(M))