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## **HB 2062**

Introduced by  
Representative Blackman

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTION 28-5802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE LICENSE TAX.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-5802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-5802. Vehicle license tax exemption; veterans

5 A. Notwithstanding ~~section~~ SECTIONS 28-2003 AND 28-5801, the  
6 registering officer shall not collect a vehicle license tax or  
7 registration fee from:

8 1. A veteran residing in this state for a vehicle or any  
9 replacement of the vehicle acquired by financial aid from the United  
10 States department of veterans affairs pursuant to Public ~~Law~~ LAWS 79-663,  
11 85-56, 85-857, 90-77, 91-666 and 93-538; 38 United States Code sections  
12 1901 through 1988.

13 2. A veteran for a personally owned vehicle or a veteran and  
14 another party owning a vehicle if the veteran is certified by the United  
15 States department of veterans affairs ~~to be~~ AS HAVING A one hundred ~~per~~  
16 ~~cent with a~~ PERCENT disability and drawing compensation on that basis.  
17 The exemption provided by this paragraph applies to a surviving spouse of  
18 the veteran with a disability until the surviving spouse's remarriage or  
19 death.

20 B. On initial registration of a vehicle a veteran claiming an  
21 exemption under SUBSECTION A OF this section shall present satisfactory  
22 proof of the ~~veterans' administration~~ UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
23 AFFAIRS financial aid or government compensation and certificate on  
24 determination of one hundred ~~per cent~~ PERCENT disability, as applicable.  
25 The veteran may claim and be granted an exemption and the surviving spouse  
26 may renew the registration pursuant to the terms of the exemption provided  
27 to the veteran for only one vehicle or any replacement of the vehicle  
28 owned by the veteran or the surviving spouse until the surviving spouse's  
29 remarriage or death.

30 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS 28-2003 AND 28-5801, THE REGISTERING  
31 OFFICER SHALL COLLECT A REDUCED VEHICLE LICENSE TAX AND REGISTRATION FEE  
32 FROM A VETERAN FOR A PERSONALLY OWNED VEHICLE OR A VETERAN AND ANOTHER  
33 PARTY OWNING A VEHICLE IF THE VETERAN HAS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY  
34 RATING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE  
35 PERCENTAGE OF THE REDUCTION IN THE VEHICLE LICENSE TAX AND REGISTRATION  
36 FEE SHALL EQUAL THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATING.  
37 THE REDUCTION ALLOWED BY THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO ONE VEHICLE AND  
38 ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

39 1. THE VETERAN IS A BONA FIDE PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENT WHO WAS  
40 AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL FOR INJURIES THE VETERAN SUSTAINED IN ANY  
41 OF THE FOLLOWING THEATERS OF OPERATION:

42 (a) WORLD WAR II BEGINNING IN 1939 AND ENDING IN 1945.

43 (b) THE KOREAN WAR BEGINNING IN 1950 AND ENDING IN 1953.

44 (c) THE VIETNAM WAR BEGINNING IN 1955 AND ENDING IN 1975.

- 1 (d) THE MULTINATIONAL INTERVENTION IN LEBANON BEGINNING IN 1982 AND  
2 ENDING IN 1984.
- 3 (e) THE INVASION OF GRENADA IN 1983.
- 4 (f) THE INVASION OF PANAMA BEGINNING IN 1989 AND ENDING IN 1990.
- 5 (g) THE FIRST UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE SOMALI CIVIL WAR  
6 BEGINNING IN 1992 AND ENDING IN 1995.
- 7 (h) THE BOSNIAN WAR BEGINNING IN 1992 AND ENDING IN 1995.
- 8 (i) THE KOSOVO WAR BEGINNING IN 1998 AND ENDING IN 1999.
- 9 (j) THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN BEGINNING IN 2001 AND ENDING IN 2021.
- 10 (k) THE IRAQ WAR BEGINNING IN 2003 AND ENDING IN 2011.
- 11 (l) THE AMERICAN-LED INTERVENTION IN SYRIA BEGINNING IN 2014.
- 12 (m) OPERATION DESERT SHIELD BEGINNING AUGUST 2, 1990 AND ENDING  
13 JANUARY 17, 1991.
- 14 (n) OPERATION DESERT STORM BEGINNING JANUARY 17, 1991 AND ENDING  
15 FEBRUARY 24, 1991.
- 16 (o) OPERATION DESERT SABRE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24, 1991 AND ENDING  
17 FEBRUARY 28, 1991.
- 18 2. THE VETERAN WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES  
19 MILITARY.
- 20 3. THE VETERAN HAS A SERVICE-RELATED DISABILITY RATING FROM THE  
21 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF AT LEAST THIRTY PERCENT  
22 AND NOT MORE THAN NINETY PERCENT.
- 23 4. ON INITIAL REGISTRATION OF THE VEHICLE, THE VETERAN PRESENTS THE  
24 VETERAN'S CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FORM FROM THE UNITED STATES  
25 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO VERIFY THE VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE AS REQUIRED  
26 BY PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION AND HONORABLE DISCHARGE AS REQUIRED BY  
27 PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.