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NEW LAW PERMITS VETERANS DESIGNATION ON FLORIDA DRIVER LICENSE

~ State of Florida recognizes those who defended the Red, White and Blue ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Gov. Rick Scott signed House Bill 1165 to recognize and honor Florida veterans who honorably served their nation. Veterans who live in the Sunshine State now can add a veteran designation to their driver license or identification card.

At a news conference, hosted by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles at its headquarters in Tallahassee today, Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll said the new feature on the driver license is just one way that the state can show appreciation to military veterans. The Lt. Governor and Gov. Rick Scott are both U.S. Navy veterans. Carroll also previously served as executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.



The blue "V" on the driver license indicates the license holder is a military veteran.

“The new feature gives veterans an easy way to show proof of their veteran status, which is not always an easy task,” said Carroll. “We hope that retailers and restaurants that offer discounts to military veterans will accept the license with the ‘V’ on it as proof that someone is a veteran.”

DHSMV Executive Director Julie Jones demonstrated what the veteran designation will look like on the driver license or identification card, which is simply a blue “V” on the bottom portion of the card.

“The Department is honored to provide this service to our military veterans as a way to show our gratitude for their service to our nation,” Jones added.

Jones explained what veterans should bring with them when they visit a driver license office to replace or renew their credential. To add the “V” to a license or ID card, veterans can visit any Florida driver license office, to include those operated by county tax collectors. They should plan to:

- Present their DD-214, which shows their honorable discharge from active duty.
- Pay a one-time \$1 fee, in addition to the replacement or renewal fee.
- Visit www.GatherGoGet.com to ensure they have all the other documents required.

Veterans who need to obtain a copy of their DD-214, may request it through the National Archives, which provides information on how to make the request online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

“This is a wonderful way to honor Florida’s more than 1.6 million veterans, who have served our nation honorably,” said Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs, retired Army Col. Mike Prendergast.

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