

SENATE BILL 2539

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-102(21), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

(H) Class V. This license is issued and valid for the operation of any vehicle with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (G.V.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.), or any combination of vehicles with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (G.C.W.R.) less than twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.), except vehicles in Classes A, B, C or M or vehicles which require a special endorsement unless the proper endorsement appears on the license, and shall include enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.). This class of licenses shall be known as a veteran's license and shall only be issued to:

(i) An individual who is a resident of Tennessee at the time of enlistment or commissioning and is a resident at the time of application for the license, or who has been a resident of Tennessee for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application for the license, who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or on active duty in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, during wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the president of the United States, whether or not such veteran was assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in such war or conflict, except for periodic transfer

from reserve status to active duty status for training purposes, and who was discharged or separated under honorable conditions; or

(ii) A member or former member of the National Guard or reserve forces who has twenty (20) or more years creditable service therein;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(6) For Class V and renewal thereof, no fee or charge of any type whatsoever shall be charged, subject to the provisions of subdivision (7); and

(7) In addition to the above fees, any person applying for a special endorsement or renewal thereof shall pay an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for each endorsement.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.