

**Subject** Veteran designation on licenses and identification cards

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## Summary

This bill modifies eligibility and documentation requirements for a “veteran” designation on drivers’ licenses and Minnesota identification cards. It (1) allows a retired member of the National Guard or armed forces reserves to obtain the designation if the person has met the reserve retirement requirements (which includes at least 20 qualifying years of service); and (2) requires an applicant to be separated with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions. The bill also makes technical changes to remove obsolete language.

Under current law, a former service member must have served at least 181 consecutive days on active duty orders in order to be able to add the veteran designation on state-issued licenses and identification cards.

It is effective August 1, 2022.