

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2009

AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to free parking for certain veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 304.840, to read as follows:

304.840. 1. A veteran displaying special license plates issued under section 301.145,
2 **301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or a veteran who is a bronze star recipient who**
3 **displays a placard issued under subsection 2 of this section, may park his or her motor**
4 **vehicle, weighing not more than six thousand pounds gross weight, without charge, in a**
5 **metered parking space.**

6 2. A veteran who has been awarded the military service award known as the
7 "Bronze Star" may apply to the director of revenue for a removable windshield placard.
8 Upon application, such veteran shall present proof to the director of his or her receipt of
9 such award. Such placard shall be hung from the front, middle rearview mirror of a
10 parked motor vehicle and may not be hung from the mirror during operation. When there
11 is no rearview mirror, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard on the driver's side.

12 3. A local authority's compliance with this section is solely contingent upon the
13 approval of its governing body.

14 4. This section does not exempt a vehicle displaying special license plates under
15 section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided
16 in subsection 2 of this section, from compliance with any other state law or ordinance,
17 including, but not limited to, vehicle height restrictions, zones that prohibit stopping,
18 parking, or standing of all vehicles, parking time limitations, street sweeping, restrictions

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 of the parking space to a particular type of vehicle, or the parking of a vehicle that is
20 involved in the operation of a street vending business.

21 5. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under
22 section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided
23 in subsection 2 of this section, to park in a state parking facility that is designated only for
24 state employees.

25 6. This section does not authorize a vehicle displaying special license plates under
26 section 301.145, 301.443, 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided
27 in subsection 2 of this section, to park during time periods other than the normal business
28 hours of, or the maximum time allotted by, a state or local authority parking facility.

29 7. This section does not require the state or a local authority to designate specific
30 parking spaces for vehicles displaying special license plates under section 301.145, 301.443,
31 301.451, or 301.456, RSMo, or displaying a placard as provided in subsection 2 of this
32 section.

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