

December 2, 2015

Subject: New Legislation--Survivor of Fallen Responder VLT Exemption

To Whom it May Concern:

Beginning January 1, 2016, Laws 2015, Chapter 186 requires the Arizona Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) to issue a new exemption from the vehicle license tax and the registration fee to any surviving spouse and/or dependent of a fallen firefighter, law enforcement officer, or emergency responder killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty on or after April 5, 1933. Each applicant may only apply the exemption to one vehicle at a time.

Both the surviving spouse and dependent must meet certain criteria to be eligible to receive the exemption. These criteria include:

- The surviving spouse may qualify only until their remarriage or death.
- The surviving dependent must be unmarried and meet one of the following:
 - A child of the fallen responder who is under the age of eighteen.
 - A full-time student at least eighteen years of age and under twenty-three years of age.
 - A dependent of the surviving spouse (or guardian) who suffers from a disability that began before the age of twenty-three.

In addition, the applicant must submit a Survivor of Fallen Responder Exemption form (attached), which includes an Employer Certification section. Please be aware that a representative from your agency will now be requested to complete the Employer Certification portion of the form in order to confirm that the fallen responder was employed by your agency and died in the line of duty or from injuries suffered in the line of duty. Your agency will not be responsible for verifying that the surviving spouse and surviving dependent qualifies.

The applicant may retain the completed form with the original Employer Certification and resubmit the form to MVD on an annual basis to continue receiving the exemption. This will allow the applicant to recertify that he or she continues to qualify without needing the Employer Certification completed each year.

Please contact Ralene Whitmer, Title and Registration Specialist, at 602-712-7163 or RWhitmer@azdot.gov if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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