By Senator Evers

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle license plates; creating s. 320.0892, F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross license plates, without payment of the license tax, to persons meeting specified criteria; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 320.0892, Florida Statutes is created to read:

320.0892 Motor vehicle license plates for recipients of the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross.—Upon receipt of an application and proof that the applicant meets the qualifications listed in this section for the applicable license plate, the department shall issue the license plate without payment of the license tax imposed under s. 320.08:

(1) SILVER STAR.—Any United States citizen who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the Silver Star while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Silver Star" followed by the serial number.

(2) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on

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which is stamped the words "Distinguished Service Cross" followed by the serial number.

- (3) NAVY CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the Navy Cross while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Navy Cross" followed by the serial number.
- (4) AIR FORCE CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the Air Force Cross while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Air Force Cross" followed by the serial number.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.