

By Senator Sebesta

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle license
3 plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing
4 for the issuance, without payment of the
5 license tax, of Pearl Harbor Survivor license
6 plates or Purple Heart license plates to
7 certain disabled veterans; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United
15 States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;
16 survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients;
17 special license plates; fee.--

18 (1)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck
19 for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
20 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
21 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired
22 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack
23 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an
24 active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
25 Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied
26 by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida
27 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
28 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
29 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple
30 Heart medal recipient, or proof of active membership in any
31 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the

1 license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be
2 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which,
3 in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall
4 be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor
5 Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as
6 appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license
7 plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words
8 "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the
9 Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
11 contrary beginning with fiscal year 2000-2001 and annually
12 thereafter, the first \$50,000 in general revenue generated
13 from the sale of license plates issued under this section
14 which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl
15 Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve"
16 shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund,
17 as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes
18 established by law for that trust fund.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the
20 contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license
21 plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a
22 disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be
23 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment
24 of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

25 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
26 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or
27 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
28 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
29 resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or
30 their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application
31 therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as

1 provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the
2 words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application
3 shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the
4 qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

5 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a
6 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed
7 forces of a nation allied with the United States who was held
8 as a prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the
9 United States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried
10 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
11 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
12 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

13 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
14 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
15 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
16 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when
17 the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat,
18 or their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the
19 special license plate provided for in this subsection upon
20 payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

21 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
22 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or
23 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
24 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
25 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
26 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon
27 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
28 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
29 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
30 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
31 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by

1 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
2 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

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Provides for certain disabled veterans to be issued a
Purple Heart license plate or a Pearl Harbor Survivor
license plate without paying the required license tax.

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