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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to disabled veterans; amending s. 320.0842, F.S.; authorizing certain veterans to apply for a license plate with the wheelchair symbol; providing for an annual use fee; providing for the disposition of the fee; providing for the collection of other required fees; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (5), (6), and (7) are added to section 320.0842, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.0842 Free motor vehicle license plates to veterans who use wheelchairs.--

- Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected disability rated for compensation between 10 and 90 percent or determined to have a service-connected disability of between 10 and 90 percent and in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services and the disability meets the criteria defined in s. 320.0848(1)(a)1.-7. may apply for a license plate under this section.
- (6) Applicants applying under subsection (5) shall be assessed a \$17 annual use fee which must be deposited in the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund. All such fees are to be administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and must be used solely for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

(7) Applicants applying under the provisions of subsection (5) shall be assessed all fees otherwise required pursuant to this chapter. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. HOUSE SUMMARY Provides that described veterans may apply for and receive a license plate with the wheelchair symbol upon payment of a \$17 use fee and other required fees. Provides for the disposition of the use fee. See bill for details.