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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 taxes, charges, and 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.--

(5) Any applicant, who because of a long-term mobility impairment is eligible for the disabled parking permit issued under s. 320.0848, is eligible for a license plate under this section if:

(a) The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has determined the applicant to have a service-connected disability rated for compensation between 10 and 90 percent;  
or

(b) The applicant has been determined to have a service-connected disability of between 10 and 90 percent and the applicant is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services.

(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

1 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and must  
2 be used solely for the purpose of constructing, operating, and  
3 maintaining domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans subject  
4 to the requirements of chapter 216.

5 (7) Applicants applying under subsection (5) shall be  
6 assessed all taxes, fees, and other charges otherwise required  
7 pursuant to this chapter.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

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