

By the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and 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.; increasing
4 the amount of revenue deposited into the Grants
5 and Donations Trust Fund from the sale of
6 license plates stamped with the words "National
7 Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"
8 "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve";
9 providing for the issuance, without payment of
10 the license tax, of Pearl Harbor Survivor
11 license plates or Purple Heart license plates
12 to certain disabled veterans; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is
18 amended to read:

19 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United
20 States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;
21 survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients;
22 special license plates; fee.--

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

1 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
2 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
3 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple
4 Heart medal recipient, or proof of active membership in any
5 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the
6 license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be
7 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which,
8 in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall
9 be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor
10 Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as
11 appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license
12 plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words
13 "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the
14 Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
16 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 ~~2000-2001~~ and
17 annually thereafter, the first \$100,000 ~~\$50,000~~ in general
18 revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under
19 this section which are stamped with the words "National
20 Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or
21 "U.S. Reserve" shall be deposited into the Grants and
22 Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used
23 for the purposes established by law for that trust fund.

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

30 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
31 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or

1 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
2 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
3 resident of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or
4 their unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application
5 therefor to the department, be issued a license plate as
6 provided in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the
7 words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each application
8 shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the
9 qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

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

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

26 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile for private
27 use, truck weighing not more than 5,000 pounds, or
28 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
29 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a
30 resident of this state and who is the unremarried surviving
31 spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon

1 application therefor to the department, with the payment of
2 the required fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
3 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Purple
4 Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by
5 the serial number. Each application shall be accompanied by
6 proof that the applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse
7 of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

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

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12 SB 568

13 The Committee Substitute increases the license tax
14 distribution from the sale of "National Guard", "Pearl Harbor
15 Survivor", "Combat-Wounded Veteran, "U.S. Reserve", and
16 "Purple Heart" license plates to the Grants and Donations
17 Trust Fund of the Department of Veterans Affairs, from \$50,000
18 to \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2002-03.
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