

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Klein

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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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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
12 SB0614

13 This CS corrects a number of technical flaws in the bill as
14 filed, to include the reference to disabled parking permits in
15 s. 320.0848, F.S., and to clarify that disabled veterans are
"eligible" for the license plate rather than "eligible to
apply" for the license plate.