

Bill No. PCS (174486) for SB 1900

Barcode 865620

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31

Comm: RCS  
03/27/2007 12:50 PM

.  
. .  
. .  
. .  
. .  
. .

The Committee on Transportation (Baker) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 12, line 1 through page 14, line 21, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 3. Effective July 1, 2007, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 4. Section 320.0894, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star family members.--The department shall develop a special license plate honoring the family members of servicemembers who have been killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The license plate shall be officially designated as the Gold Star license plate and shall be developed and issued as provided in this section.

(1) The Gold Star license plate must bear the colors

Bill No. PCS (174486) for SB 1900

Barcode 865620

1 and design approved by the department in cooperation with  
2 supporters of the license plate. The word "Florida" must  
3 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Gold Star  
4 Family" must appear at the bottom of the plate. The plate  
5 shall bear a unique design that includes the symbol for a  
6 fallen servicemember, a gold star with blue fringe on a white  
7 background with a red border. The symbol shall be no larger  
8 than 3 inches by 3 inches and shall be placed in a conspicuous  
9 place to the left of the identifying number of the plate,  
10 which identifying number shall consist of no more than six  
11 alphanumeric characters.

12 (2) This section shall not be implemented until such  
13 time as the state has, through a licensing agreement or  
14 otherwise, received such license or other permission as may be  
15 required to implement this section. The designs of the initial  
16 and subsequent editions of the Gold Star license plate, except  
17 any part of the designs owned by others and licensed to the  
18 state, shall be owned solely by the state for its exclusive  
19 use and control, except as authorized by the department. The  
20 department may take such steps as may be necessary to give  
21 notice of and protect such right, including the copyright or  
22 copyrights. However, such steps shall be cumulative of the  
23 ownership and exclusive use and control established by this  
24 subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce  
25 or otherwise use such designs except as authorized by the  
26 department.

27 (3)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck  
28 for private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
29 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
30 which automobile, truck, or vehicle is not used for hire or  
31 commercial use, who is a resident of this state, and who meets

Bill No. PCS (174486) for SB 1900

Barcode 865620

1 the qualifications provided in subsection (4) shall, upon  
 2 application therefor to the department and payment of the  
 3 license tax and appropriate fees established in this chapter,  
 4 be issued a Gold Star license plate. Each initial application  
 5 for a Gold Star license plate must be accompanied by proof  
 6 that the applicant meets the requirements provided in  
 7 subsection (4).

8 (b) The surviving spouse and a surviving parent  
 9 meeting the requirements in subsection (4) shall each, upon  
 10 application therefor, be issued the Gold Star license plate  
 11 for one vehicle per household free of charge. Renewal decals  
 12 for the plate issued under this paragraph shall be issued at  
 13 no cost.

14 (4)(a)1. The Gold Star license plate shall be issued  
 15 only to family members of a servicemember who resided in  
 16 Florida at the time of the death of the servicemember.

17 2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license  
 18 plate, the applicant must be directly related to a fallen  
 19 servicemember as spouse, legal mother or father, or stepparent  
 20 who is currently married to the mother or father of the fallen  
 21 servicemember.

22 3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while  
 23 in service as listed by the United States Department of  
 24 Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from  
 25 the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies,  
 26 such as the Coast Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

27 (b) The applicant must provide documentation of the  
 28 fact that the servicemember was killed while serving and proof  
 29 of relationship to the servicemember to the tax collector or  
 30 license plate agent before being issued a Gold Star license  
 31 plate. The tax collector or license plate agent may waive the

Bill No. PCS (174486) for SB 1900

Barcode 865620

1 requirement for such documentation and proof if he or she has  
2 actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the  
3 servicemember was killed while serving.

4 (5) An eligible family member may request a Gold Star  
5 license plate at any time during his or her registration  
6 period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid  
7 license plate, the license plate shall be issued with  
8 appropriate renewal decals attached.

9 Section 5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
10 this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

11  
12

13 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

14 And the title is amended as follows:

15 On page 2, line 29, delete that line

16  
17 and insert:

18 fees; providing effective dates.

19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31