

By Senator Bennett

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to specialty license plates; amending  
3       s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the issuance of a  
4       Combat Infantry Badge license plate; providing  
5       qualifications and requirements for the plate;  
6       providing for the use of proceeds from the sale of the  
7       plate; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11       Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
12   read:

13       320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States  
14   Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of  
15   Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi  
16   Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry  
17   Badge recipients; special license plates; fee.—

18       (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
19   private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
20   320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
21   use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
22   member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
23   on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, ~~or~~ an  
24   active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
25   Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
26   Badge shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by  
27   proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida  
28   National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor  
29   Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl

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30 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal  
31 recipient, ~~or~~ proof of active or retired membership in any  
32 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in  
33 the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of  
34 being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, and upon payment  
35 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
36 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in  
37 lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be  
38 stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"  
39 "Combat-wounded veteran," ~~or~~ "U.S. Reserve," or "Combat Infantry  
40 Badge," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the  
41 license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the  
42 words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of  
43 the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

44 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
45 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
46 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
47 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
48 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
49 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
50 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
51 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
52 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
53 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
54 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

55 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
56 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a  
57 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled  
58 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the

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59 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license  
60 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

61 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
62 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
63 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
64 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
65 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
66 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
67 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
68 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
69 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
70 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
71 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

72 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
73 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
74 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
75 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
76 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
77 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
78 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
79 320.08.

80 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent  
81 of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of  
82 the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a United  
83 States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the Armed  
84 Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their  
85 unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license  
86 plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of the  
87 license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

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88 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
89 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
90 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
91 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
92 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
93 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
94 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
95 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on  
96 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
97 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
98 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
99 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
100 the Purple Heart medal.

101 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
102 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
103 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
104 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
105 hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a  
106 current or former member of the United States military who was  
107 deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in  
108 Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon  
109 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
110 membership or former active duty status during one of these  
111 operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
112 as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided  
113 by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license  
114 number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words  
115 "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as  
116 appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the

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117 | plate.

118 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.