

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to military veterans; amending ss.  
 3           1.01 and 295.125, F.S.; revising references from the  
 4           "Korean Conflict" and the "Vietnam Era" to the "Korean  
 5           War" and the "Vietnam War," respectively, and from  
 6           "Korean Conflict Veteran" to "Korean War Veteran";  
 7           reordering and amending s. 320.089, F.S.; authorizing  
 8           the issuance of a Combat Medical Badge license plate;  
 9           revising references; establishing a method of proof of  
 10          eligibility for certain specialty license plates;  
 11          providing an effective date.

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

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 15           Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 1.01, Florida  
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17           1.01 Definitions.—In construing these statutes and each  
 18 and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will  
 19 permit:

20           (14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in the  
 21 active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or  
 22 released ~~therefrom~~ under honorable conditions only or who later  
 23 received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions,  
 24 notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of  
 25 Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with  
 26 other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a  
 27 wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or  
 28 expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or a

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29 | ~~veteran must have served~~ during one of the following periods of  
 30 | wartime service:

31 |       (a) Spanish-American War: April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902,  
 32 | and including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer  
 33 | Rebellion.

34 |       (b) Mexican Border Period: May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917,  
 35 | in the case of a veteran who during such period served in  
 36 | Mexico, on the borders of thereof, or in the waters adjacent to  
 37 | Mexico thereto.

38 |       (c) World War I: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918;  
 39 | extended to April 1, 1920, for those veterans who served in  
 40 | Russia; also extended through July 1, 1921, for those veterans  
 41 | who served after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921,  
 42 | provided such veterans had at least 1 day of service between  
 43 | April 5, 1917, and November 12, 1918.

44 |       (d) World War II: December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946.

45 |       (e) Korean War Conflict: June 27, 1950, to January 31,  
 46 | 1955.

47 |       (f) Vietnam War Era: February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.

48 |       (g) Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, to January 2, 1992.

49 |       (h) Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, and  
 50 | ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential  
 51 | proclamation or by law.

52 |       (i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and ending on  
 53 | the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or  
 54 | by law.

55 |       Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 295.125, Florida  
 56 | Statutes, is amended to read:

57 | 295.125 Preference for admission to career training.—

58 | (2) In determining order of admission or acceptance for  
 59 | students, every career center or career program that ~~which~~  
 60 | receives state funding or support shall give preference as  
 61 | provided in subsection (3) to a person who served in the Armed  
 62 | Forces of the United States at any time during the Vietnam War  
 63 | ~~Era~~, as defined in s. 1.01(14), and who has been separated  
 64 | therefrom under honorable conditions, if such person's  
 65 | enrollment is directly related to his or her present employment  
 66 | or to his or her securing employment.

67 | Section 3. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
 68 | and amended to read:

69 | 320.089 Members of National Guard ~~and active United States~~  
 70 | ~~Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;~~ survivors of  
 71 | Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; active or retired  
 72 | United States Armed Forces reservists ~~Operation Desert Storm~~  
 73 | ~~Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Iraqi~~  
 74 | ~~Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans;~~ Combat Infantry  
 75 | Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients;  
 76 | former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War  
 77 | Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert  
 78 | Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; and  
 79 | Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~Korean Conflict~~ Veterans; special  
 80 | license plates; fee.—

81 | (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 82 | private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
 83 | 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
 84 | use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired

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85 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
86 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an  
87 active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
88 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
89 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge shall, upon  
90 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
91 membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard,  
92 proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or  
93 proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
94 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of  
95 active or retired membership in any branch of the Armed Forces  
96 Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's  
97 Association, Inc., or other proof of being a recipient of the  
98 Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action  
99 Badge, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as  
100 provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by  
101 s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed  
102 by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard,"  
103 "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S.  
104 Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," or  
105 "Combat Action Badge," as appropriate, and a likeness of the  
106 related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number  
107 of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may  
108 have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the  
109 likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

110 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
111 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
112 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from

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113 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
114 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
115 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
116 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
117 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
118 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
119 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
120 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

121 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
122 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a  
123 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled  
124 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the  
125 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license  
126 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

127 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
128 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
129 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
130 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
131 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
132 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
133 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
134 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
135 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
136 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
137 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

138 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
139 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
140 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a

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141 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
142 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
143 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
144 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
145 320.08.

146 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the  
147 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a  
148 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a  
149 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the  
150 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or  
151 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special  
152 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of  
153 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

154 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
155 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
156 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
157 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
158 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
159 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
160 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
161 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on  
162 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
163 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
164 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
165 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
166 the Purple Heart medal.

167 (4)~~(6)~~ The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
168 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a

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169 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
170 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
171 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
172 current or former member of the United States Armed Forces  
173 ~~military~~, and who was deployed and served in Korea during the  
174 Korean War as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~United States military~~  
175 ~~deployment in Korea~~ shall, upon application to the department,  
176 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
177 status during the Korean War ~~these operations~~, and upon payment  
178 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
179 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
180 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
181 shall be stamped the words "Korean War Veteran," and a likeness  
182 of the Korean Service Medal, ~~"Korean Conflict Veteran,"~~ followed  
183 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
184 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to  
185 establish eligibility for the license plate.

186 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
187 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
188 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
189 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
190 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
191 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
192 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military  
193 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the  
194 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
195 active duty status during these operations, and, upon payment of  
196 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be

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197 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
198 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
199 shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," and a likeness  
200 of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration  
201 license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was  
202 awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish  
203 eligibility for the license plate.

204 ~~(6)(4)~~ The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
205 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
206 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
207 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
208 hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a  
209 current or former member of the United States military who was  
210 deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of  
211 the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation  
212 Desert Storm ~~or Operation Desert Shield;~~ in Afghanistan during  
213 Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi  
214 Freedom; ~~or in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom~~  
215 shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof  
216 of active membership or former active duty status during one of  
217 these operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the  
218 vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as  
219 provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration  
220 license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the  
221 words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"  
222 "Operation Enduring Freedom," or ~~"Operation Desert Shield,"~~  
223 "Operation Iraqi Freedom," ~~or "Operation Enduring Freedom,"~~ as  
224 appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal



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225 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof  
226 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,  
227 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War  
228 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish  
229 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

230 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.