

By the Committees on Transportation; and Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to special license plates; amending s.
3 320.089, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue
4 Woman Veteran, World War II Veteran, Navy Submariner,
5 Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal,
6 and Distinguished Flying Cross license plates;
7 specifying qualifications and requirements for the
8 plates; requiring that any revenue generated from the
9 sale of Woman Veteran license plates be deposited into
10 the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to be used
11 for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members
19 of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal
20 recipients; active or retired United States Armed Forces
21 reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or
22 Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon recipients;
23 Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients; Distinguished Flying
24 Cross recipients; former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans;
25 Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans;
26 Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom
27 Veterans; ~~and~~ Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans;
28 World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners; special license
29 plates; fee.-

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30 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
31 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
32 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
33 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United
34 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a
35 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida
36 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a
37 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an active or retired member
38 of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or a
39 recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~
40 Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat
41 Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross ~~shall~~, upon
42 application to the department, accompanied by proof of release
43 or discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces,
44 proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida
45 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
46 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl
47 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal
48 recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any branch
49 of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of
50 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., ~~or~~
51 ~~either~~ proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge,
52 Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat Action
53 Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying
54 Cross, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as
55 provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
56 provided by s. 320.06, ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the serial numbers
57 prescribed by s. 320.06, ~~is shall be~~ stamped with the words
58 "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner,"

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59 "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded
60 veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat
61 Medical Badge," ~~or~~ "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action
62 Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished
63 Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related
64 campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number of the
65 license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the
66 words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of
67 the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

68 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
69 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually
70 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from
71 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be
72 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described
73 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law
74 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated
75 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State
76 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,
77 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for
78 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

79 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran
80 license plates must be deposited into the Operations and
81 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of
82 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used
83 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to
84 benefit women veterans. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to
85 the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license
86 plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a
87 disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be

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88 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of
89 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

90 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
91 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
92 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
93 which is not used for hire or commercial use, ~~who~~ who is a resident
94 of this ~~the~~ state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or
95 her ~~their~~ unremarried surviving spouse, ~~shall~~, upon application
96 ~~therefor~~ to the department, shall be issued a license plate as
97 provided in s. 320.06, ~~on which license plate are stamped with~~
98 the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each
99 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant
100 meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph
101 (b).

102 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
103 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
104 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
105 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
106 States were engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried
107 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
108 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
109 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

110 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent
111 of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of
112 the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she ~~who~~ was
113 not a United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war
114 when the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in
115 combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried surviving spouse, may be
116 issued the special license plate provided for in this subsection

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117 upon payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

118 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
119 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
120 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
121 which is not used for hire or commercial use~~7~~ who is a resident
122 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a
123 recipient of the Purple Heart medal ~~shall~~, upon application
124 ~~therefor~~ to the department accompanied by, ~~with~~ the payment of
125 the required fees, shall be issued a license plate as provided
126 in s. 320.06~~7~~, ~~on which is license plate are stamped with~~ the
127 words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal
128 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be
129 accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried
130 surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

131 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
132 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
133 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
134 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
135 hire or commercial use~~7~~ who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
136 a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces~~7~~
137 ~~and~~ who was deployed and served in Korea during the Korean War
138 as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~shall~~, upon application to the
139 department~~7~~ accompanied by proof of active membership or former
140 active duty status during the Korean War~~7~~ and ~~upon~~ payment of
141 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
142 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,
143 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.
144 320.06, is shall be stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran~~7~~"
145 and a likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the

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146 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
147 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to
148 establish eligibility for the license plate.

149 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
150 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
151 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
152 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
153 hire or commercial use, ~~who~~ is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
154 a current or former member of the United States military, ~~and~~
155 who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States
156 military deployment in Indochina ~~shall~~, upon application to the
157 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former
158 active duty status during these operations, ~~and, upon~~ payment of
159 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
160 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,
161 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.
162 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with the words "Vietnam War
163 Veteran," and a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed
164 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
165 applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to
166 establish eligibility for the license plate.

167 (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
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 this ~~the~~ state and a
172 current or former member of the United States military who was
173 deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of
174 the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation

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175 Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom;
176 or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~shall~~, upon
177 application to the department, ~~and~~ accompanied by proof of active
178 membership or former active duty status during one of these
179 operations, ~~and upon~~ payment of the license tax for the vehicle
180 as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
181 provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the registration
182 license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is shall be stamped with
183 the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"
184 "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as
185 appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal
186 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof
187 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
188 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War
189 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish
190 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

191 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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