

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to special license plates; amending s.  
 3           320.089, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway  
 4           Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue Combat Action  
 5           Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Distinguished  
 6           Flying Cross, World War II Veteran, Woman Veteran,  
 7           Navy Combat Veteran, Marine Corps Combat Veteran, Air  
 8           Force Combat Veteran, and Navy Submariner license  
 9           plates; specifying qualifications and requirements for  
 10          the plates; providing for the use of proceeds from the  
 11          sale of the plates; 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. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 16          to read:

17           320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;  
 18          members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple  
 19          Heart medal recipients; active or retired United States Armed  
 20          Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge,  
 21          ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat  
 22          Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former  
 23          prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans;  
 24          Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm  
 25          Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; ~~and~~ Operation  
 26          Iraqi Freedom Veterans; World War II Veterans; Woman Veterans;

27 Navy Combat Veterans; Marine Corps Combat Veterans; Air Force  
 28 Combat Veterans; and Navy Submariners; special license plates;  
 29 fee.—

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 this ~~the~~ state and a veteran of the  
 34 United States Armed Forces, a World War II Veteran, Woman  
 35 Veteran, Navy Combat Veteran, Marine Corps Combat Veteran, Air  
 36 Force Combat Veteran, Navy Submariner, an active or retired  
 37 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
 38 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an  
 39 active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
 40 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
 41 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat  
 42 Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished  
 43 Flying Cross ~~shall~~, upon application to the department,  
 44 accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of  
 45 the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or  
 46 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of  
 47 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of  
 48 active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof  
 49 of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of active or  
 50 retired membership in any branch of the United States Armed  
 51 Forces Reserve, ~~or~~ proof of membership in the Combat  
 52 Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or ~~other~~ proof of being a

53 recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~  
 54 Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat  
 55 Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of  
 56 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
 57 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, ~~upon~~ which,  
 58 in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is shall  
 59 ~~be~~ stamped with the words "Veteran," "World War II Veteran,"  
 60 "Woman Veteran," "Navy Combat Veteran," "Marine Corps Combat  
 61 Veteran," "Air Force Combat Veteran," "Navy Submariner,"  
 62 "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded  
 63 veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat  
 64 Medical Badge," ~~or~~ "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action  
 65 Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished  
 66 Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related  
 67 ~~campaign~~ medal, ribbon, or badge, followed by the serial number  
 68 of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may  
 69 have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the  
 70 likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

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

79 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
 80 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
 81 veterans, subject to ~~the requirements of~~ chapter 216.

82 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran  
 83 license plates shall be deposited into the Operations and  
 84 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of  
 85 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and are to be used  
 86 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to  
 87 benefit woman veterans. Notwithstanding any other provision  
 88 ~~provisions~~ of law to the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl  
 89 Harbor Survivor license plate or a Purple Heart license plate  
 90 who also qualifies for a disabled veteran's license plate under  
 91 s. 320.084 shall be issued the appropriate special license plate  
 92 without payment of the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

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

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

113 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the  
 114 consent of the United States Government, ~~or a person~~ who was a  
 115 member of the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she  
 116 ~~who~~ was not a United States citizen who ~~and~~ was held as a  
 117 prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United States were  
 118 engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried surviving  
 119 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
 120 this subsection upon payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
 121 320.08.

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

131 "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal  
132 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
133 accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried  
134 surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

135 (4) Each ~~The~~ owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
136 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
137 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
138 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for  
139 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and  
140 a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces,  
141 ~~and~~ who was deployed and served in Korea during the Korean War  
142 as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~shall~~, upon application to the  
143 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
144 active duty status during the Korean War, and ~~upon~~ payment of  
145 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
146 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,  
147 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.  
148 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran,"  
149 and a likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the  
150 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
151 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to  
152 establish eligibility for the license plate.

153 (5) Each ~~The~~ owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
154 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
155 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
156 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for

157 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and  
 158 a current or former member of the United States military, ~~and~~  
 159 who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States  
 160 military deployment in Indochina ~~shall~~, upon application to the  
 161 department, ~~accompanied by proof of active membership or former~~  
 162 active duty status during these operations, ~~and, upon~~ payment of  
 163 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
 164 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,  
 165 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.  
 166 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with the words "Vietnam War  
 167 Veteran," and a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed  
 168 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
 169 applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to  
 170 establish eligibility for the license plate.

171 (6) Each ~~The~~ owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 172 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 173 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 174 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for  
 175 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and  
 176 a current or former member of the United States military who was  
 177 deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of  
 178 the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation  
 179 Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom;  
 180 or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~shall~~, upon  
 181 application to the department, ~~accompanied by proof of active~~  
 182 membership or former active duty status during one of these

183 operations, and ~~upon~~ payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
184 as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as  
185 provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the registration  
186 license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is shall be stamped with  
187 the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"  
188 "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as  
189 appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal  
190 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof  
191 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,  
192 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War  
193 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish  
194 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

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