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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Gold Star license plates; amending
3 s. 320.0894, F.S.; revising qualifications for receipt
4 of a Gold Star license plate to include certain
5 relatives of a fallen servicemember; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
11 320.0894, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star family
13 members.—The department shall develop a special license plate
14 honoring the family members of servicemembers who have been
15 killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.
16 The license plate shall be officially designated as the Gold
17 Star license plate and shall be developed and issued as provided
18 in this section.

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

22 b. Any family member, as defined in subparagraph 2., of a
23 servicemember killed while serving may be issued a Gold Star
24 license plate upon payment of the license tax and appropriate
25 fees as provided in paragraph (3)(a) without regard to the state
26 of residence of the servicemember.

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27 2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license plate,
28 the applicant must be directly related to a fallen servicemember
29 as spouse, legal mother or father, ~~or stepparent,~~ parent through
30 adoption, foster parent, grandparent, child, stepchild, adopted
31 child, brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister ~~who is~~
32 ~~currently married to the mother or father~~ of the fallen
33 servicemember.

34 3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while in
35 service as listed by the United States Department of Defense and
36 may be verified from documentation directly from the Department
37 of Defense or from its subordinate agencies, such as the Coast
38 Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.