

By Senator Soto

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Bronze Star license plates;  
3           amending s. 320.089, F.S.; creating a special license  
4           plate for recipients of the Bronze Star medal;  
5           providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11           320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members  
12 of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart and  
13 Bronze Star medal recipients; active or retired United States  
14 Armed Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical  
15 Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon  
16 recipients; Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients;  
17 Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; former prisoners of war;  
18 Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert  
19 Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation  
20 Enduring Freedom Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans;  
21 Women Veterans; World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners;  
22 special license plates; fee.—

23           (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
24 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
25 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
26 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United  
27 States Armed Forces, a Woman Veteran, a World War II Veteran, a  
28 Navy Submariner, an active or retired member of the Florida  
29 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a

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30 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, a recipient of the Bronze  
31 Star medal, an active or retired member of any branch of the  
32 United States Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat  
33 Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge,  
34 Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or  
35 Distinguished Flying Cross, upon application to the department,  
36 accompanied by proof of release or discharge from any branch of  
37 the United States Armed Forces, proof of active membership or  
38 retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of  
39 membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of  
40 active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof  
41 of being a Purple Heart or Bronze Star medal recipient, proof of  
42 active or retired membership in any branch of the United States  
43 Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat  
44 Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof of being a recipient of  
45 the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action  
46 Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or  
47 Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax  
48 for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a  
49 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the  
50 serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the  
51 words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy  
52 Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-  
53 wounded veteran," "Bronze Star," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat  
54 Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge,"  
55 "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or  
56 "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of  
57 the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial  
58 number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart

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59 plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and  
60 the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

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

72 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran  
73 license plates must be deposited into the Operations and  
74 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of  
75 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used  
76 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to  
77 benefit women veterans. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to  
78 the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license  
79 plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a  
80 disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be  
81 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of  
82 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

83 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
84 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
85 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
86 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident  
87 of this state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or her

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88 unremarried surviving spouse, upon application to the  
89 department, shall be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
90 320.06, stamped with the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial  
91 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
92 applicant meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or  
93 paragraph (b).

94 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
95 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
96 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
97 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
98 States were engaged in combat, or his or her unremarried  
99 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate  
100 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license  
101 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

102 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent  
103 of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of  
104 the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she was not a  
105 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the  
106 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or his  
107 or her unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special  
108 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of  
109 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

110 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
111 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
112 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
113 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident  
114 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
115 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, upon application to the  
116 department accompanied by the payment of the required fees,

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117 shall be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06 which  
118 is stamped with the words "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the  
119 Purple Heart medal followed by the serial number. Each  
120 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant is  
121 the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple  
122 Heart medal.

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

140 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
141 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
142 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
143 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident  
144 of this state and a current or former member of the United  
145 States military who was deployed and served in Vietnam during

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146 United States military deployment in Indochina, upon application  
147 to the department accompanied by proof of active membership or  
148 former active duty status during these operations and payment of  
149 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
150 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in  
151 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
152 is stamped with the words "Vietnam War Veteran" and a likeness  
153 of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration  
154 license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was  
155 awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish  
156 eligibility for the license plate.

157 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
158 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
159 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
160 which is not used for hire or commercial use who is a resident  
161 of this state and a current or former member of the United  
162 States military who was deployed and served in Saudi Arabia,  
163 Kuwait, or another area of the Persian Gulf during Operation  
164 Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during  
165 Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi  
166 Freedom, upon application to the department accompanied by proof  
167 of active membership or former active duty status during one of  
168 these operations and payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
169 as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as  
170 provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the registration license  
171 number prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the words  
172 "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm," "Operation  
173 Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as appropriate,  
174 and a likeness of the related campaign medal followed by the

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175 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
176 applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraq  
177 Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War on  
178 Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish  
179 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

180 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.