

By Senator Hutson

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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.; providing for a special license plate  
4           to be issued to a recipient of the Bronze Star; making  
5           technical changes; 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. Subsection (1) of section 320.089, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

24           (1) (a) Upon application to the department and payment of  
25 the license tax for a vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, a  
26 resident of this state who owns or leases ~~Each owner or lessee~~  
27 ~~of~~ an automobile or a truck for private use or a recreational  
28 vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), ~~which is not~~  
29 used for hire or commercial use, shall be issued a license plate

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30 pursuant to the following if the applicant provides the  
31 department with proof that he or she meets the qualifications  
32 specified in this subsection for the applicable license plate:

33 1. A person released or discharged from any branch ~~who is a~~  
34 ~~resident of the state and a veteran~~ of the United States Armed  
35 Forces shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term  
36 "Veteran" or, upon request, a "Woman Veteran" followed by the  
37 serial number of the license plate.

38 2. A World War II veteran shall be issued a license plate  
39 stamped with the term "WWII Veteran" followed by the serial  
40 number of the license plate.

41 3. A Navy submariner shall be issued a license plate  
42 stamped with the term "Navy Submariner" followed by the serial  
43 number of the license plate.

44 4. An active or retired member of the Florida National  
45 Guard shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term  
46 "National Guard" followed by the serial number of the license  
47 plate.

48 5. A member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or  
49 any other person on active military duty at Pearl Harbor on  
50 December 7, 1941, shall be issued a license plate stamped with  
51 the term "Pearl Harbor Survivor" followed by the serial number  
52 of the license plate. ~~a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor,~~

53 6. A recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall be issued a  
54 license plate stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran"  
55 followed by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple  
56 Heart plate may have the term "Purple Heart" stamped on the  
57 plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal may appear on  
58 the plate.

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59       7. An active or retired member of any branch of the United  
60 States Armed Forces Reserve shall be issued a license plate  
61 stamped with the term "U.S. Reserve" followed by the serial  
62 number of the license plate.

63       8. A member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc.,  
64 or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical  
65 Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force  
66 Combat Action Medal shall be issued a license plate stamped with  
67 the term "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge,"  
68 "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," or "Air Force  
69 Combat Action Medal," as appropriate, and a likeness of the  
70 related campaign medal or badge followed by the serial number of  
71 the license plate.

72       9. A recipient of the, ~~or~~ Distinguished Flying Cross shall  
73 be issued a license plate stamped with the term "Distinguished  
74 Flying Cross" and a likeness of the Distinguished Flying Cross  
75 followed by the serial number of the license plate.

76       10. A recipient of the Bronze Star shall be issued a  
77 license plate stamped with the term "Bronze Star" and a likeness  
78 of the Bronze Star followed by the serial number of the license  
79 plate., upon application to the department, accompanied by proof  
80 of release or discharge from any branch of the United States  
81 Armed Forces, proof of active membership or retired status in  
82 the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl  
83 Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in  
84 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart  
85 medal recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any  
86 branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of  
87 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof

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88 ~~of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat~~  
89 ~~Medical Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air~~  
90 ~~Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross, and~~  
91 ~~upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in~~  
92 ~~s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as provided by s.~~  
93 ~~320.06 which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s.~~  
94 ~~320.06, is stamped with the words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran,"~~  
95 ~~"WWII Veteran," "Navy Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl~~  
96 ~~Harbor Survivor," "Combat wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve,"~~  
97 ~~"Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action~~  
98 ~~Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal,"~~  
99 ~~or "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness~~  
100 ~~of the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial~~  
101 ~~number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart~~  
102 ~~plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and~~  
103 ~~the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.~~

104 (b) Notwithstanding any ~~other provision of law to the~~  
105 ~~contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually~~  
106 ~~thereafter,~~ the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
107 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
108 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
109 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
110 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
111 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
112 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
113 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
114 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

115 (c) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran  
116 license plates must be deposited into the Operations and

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117 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of  
118 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used  
119 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to  
120 benefit women veterans.

121 (d) 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 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.