

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 a Distinguished
 5 Flying Cross license plate; specifying qualifications
 6 and requirements for the plate; providing that the use
 7 of proceeds from the sale of the plate will be made
 8 according to certain established guidelines; providing
 9 an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended
 14 to read:

15 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;
 16 members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple
 17 Heart medal recipients; active or retired United States Armed
 18 Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge,
 19 or Combat Action Badge recipients; former prisoners of war;
 20 Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert
 21 Shield Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation
 22 Enduring Freedom Veterans; ~~and~~ Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans;
 23 and Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; special license
 24 plates; fee.—

25 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
 26 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.

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27 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
28 use, who is a resident of the state and a veteran of the United
29 States Armed Forces, an active or retired member of the Florida
30 National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a
31 recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an active or retired member
32 of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or a
33 recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~
34 Combat Action Badge, or the Distinguished Flying Cross medal
35 ~~shall~~, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof
36 of release or discharge from any branch of the United States
37 Armed Forces, proof of active membership or retired status in
38 the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl
39 Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in
40 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart
41 medal recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any
42 branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of
43 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., ~~or~~
44 ~~either~~ proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge,
45 Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, or Distinguished
46 Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax for the
47 vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license
48 plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the
49 serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with
50 the words "Veteran," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"
51 "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry
52 Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," ~~or~~ "Combat Action Badge," or

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53 "Distinguished Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of
54 the related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial
55 number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart
56 plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and
57 the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

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

69 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,
70 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a
71 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled
72 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the
73 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license
74 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

75 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
76 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
77 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
78 which is not used for hire or commercial use~~,~~ who is a resident

79 of this ~~the~~ state and who is a former prisoner of war, or his or
80 her ~~their~~ unremarried surviving spouse, ~~shall,~~ upon application
81 ~~therefor~~ to the department, shall be issued a license plate as
82 provided in s. 320.06, ~~on which license plate are stamped with~~
83 the words "Ex-POW" followed by the serial number. Each
84 application shall be accompanied by proof that the applicant
85 meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph
86 (b).

87 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
88 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
89 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
90 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
91 States were engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried
92 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
93 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
94 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

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

104 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for

105 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
106 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
107 which is not used for hire or commercial use~~7~~, who is a resident
108 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a
109 recipient of the Purple Heart medal ~~shall~~, upon application
110 ~~therefor~~ to the department accompanied by~~, with~~ the payment of
111 the required fees, shall be issued a license plate as provided
112 in s. 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words
113 "Purple Heart" and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal
114 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be
115 accompanied by proof that the applicant is the unremarried
116 surviving spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.

117 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
118 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
119 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
120 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
121 hire or commercial use~~7~~, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
122 a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces~~7~~
123 ~~and~~ who was deployed and served in Korea during the Korean War
124 as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~shall~~~~7~~, upon application to the
125 department~~7~~, accompanied by proof of active membership or former
126 active duty status during the Korean War~~7~~, and ~~upon~~ payment of
127 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
128 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,
129 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.
130 320.06, is ~~shall~~ be stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran~~7~~"

131 and a likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the
 132 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
 133 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to
 134 establish eligibility for the license plate.

135 (5) 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 military, ~~and~~
 141 who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States
 142 military deployment in Indochina ~~shall~~, upon application to the
 143 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former
 144 active duty status during these operations, 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 the words "Vietnam War Veteran," and
 149 a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the
 150 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
 151 applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to
 152 establish eligibility for the license plate.

153 (6) 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 a
 158 | current or former member of the United States military who was
 159 | deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of
 160 | the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation
 161 | Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom;
 162 | or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~shall~~, upon
 163 | application to the department, ~~and~~ accompanied by proof of active
 164 | membership or former active duty status during one of these
 165 | operations, ~~and upon~~ payment of the license tax for the vehicle
 166 | as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
 167 | provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the registration
 168 | license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with
 169 | the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"
 170 | "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as
 171 | appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal
 172 | followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof
 173 | that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
 174 | Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War
 175 | on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish
 176 | eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

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