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 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 Woman Veteran,  
 5 World War II Veteran, Navy Submariner, Combat Action  
 6 Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and  
 7 Distinguished Flying Cross license plates; specifying  
 8 qualifications and requirements for the plates;  
 9 requiring that any revenue generated from the sale of  
 10 Woman Veteran license plates be deposited into the  
 11 Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund to be used for  
 12 certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 17 to read:

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



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



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

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



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

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

102           (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
103 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
104 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a



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105 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
106 States were engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried  
107 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate  
108 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license  
109 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

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

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



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

149           (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 150 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 151 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 152 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for  
 153 hire or commercial use, ~~who~~ who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and  
 154 a current or former member of the United States military, ~~and~~  
 155 who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States  
 156 military deployment in Indochina ~~shall~~, upon application to the



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157 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
 158 active duty status during these operations, and, ~~upon~~ payment of  
 159 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall  
 160 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,  
 161 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.  
 162 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with the words "Vietnam War  
 163 Veteran," and a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed  
 164 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
 165 applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to  
 166 establish eligibility for the license plate.

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



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183 | the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"  
184 | "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as  
185 | appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal  
186 | followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof  
187 | that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,  
188 | Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War  
189 | on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish  
190 | eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

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