

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND**  
**DOMESTIC SECURITY**  
**Senator Altman, Chair**  
**Senator Gibson, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
**TIME:** 2:00 —4:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Altman, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bullard, Dean, Evers, Gardiner, Legg, and Sachs

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 378</b> Abruzzo (Identical H 677)	County and Municipal Parks; Requiring counties and municipalities to provide discounts on public park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters, etc.  MS 02/18/2014 Fav/CS CA AP	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 724</b> Dean (Identical H 559)	Military Veterans; Revising references from the "Korean Conflict" and the "Vietnam Era" to the "Korean War" and the "Vietnam War," respectively, and from "Korean Conflict Veteran" to "Korean War Veteran"; authorizing the issuance of a Combat Medical Badge license plate; revising references; establishing a method of proof of eligibility for certain specialty license plates, etc.  MS 02/18/2014 Favorable TR AP	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0
3	Other Related Meeting Documents		

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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**BILL:** CS/SB 378

**INTRODUCER:** Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security and Senator Abruzzo

**SUBJECT:** County and Municipal Parks

**DATE:** February 19, 2014      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Ryon	Ryon	MS	<b>Fav/CS</b>
2.			CA	
3.			AP	

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 378 requires county and municipal departments of parks and recreation to provide a full or partial discount on park entrance fees to the following individuals:

- An active duty military servicemember;
- An honorably discharged military veteran;
- An honorably discharged military veteran with a service-connected disability;
- The surviving spouse or parents of a deceased military servicemember who died in combat; and
- The surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement officer or a firefighter who died in the line of duty.

The bill also defines the term “park entrance fee” as it relates to the bill.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Veteran and Military Presence in Florida**

The composition of current and former military personnel who reside in Florida consists of the following:

- 1.6 million veterans;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Fast Facts. Available at: [http://floridavets.org/?page\\_id=50](http://floridavets.org/?page_id=50)

- 249,000 veterans with a service-connected disability;<sup>2</sup>
- 56,700 active duty personnel;<sup>3</sup>
- 35,600 reservists;<sup>4</sup> and
- 12,000 Florida National Guard members.<sup>5</sup>

**State Park Entrance Fee Discounts**

The Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) within the Department of Environmental Protection oversees Florida’s 160 state parks. The DRP offers two types of annual entrance passes: the individual annual entrance pass for \$60 and the family annual entrance pass for \$120. The DRP currently provides park entrance fee discounts pursuant to the following:<sup>6</sup>

- Active duty members and honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components receive a 25 percent discount on an annual entrance pass;
- Veterans with service-connected disabilities receive a free-for-life family annual entrance pass;
- Surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components who have fallen in combat receive a free-for-life family annual entrance pass; and
- Surviving spouses and parents of a law enforcement officers or firefighters who have died in the line of duty receive a free-for-life family annual entrance pass.

The table below reflects the application of the Florida state park entrance fee discounts provided in s. 258.0145, F.S., for fiscal year 2012-13.<sup>7</sup>

<b>State Park Entrance Fee Discounts: FY 2012-13</b> (Pursuant to s. 258.0145, F.S.)	
<b>Individual Entrance Pass</b> (25% discount: active duty servicemembers and veterans)	1,115
<u>Value of Discount</u>	\$16,725
<b>Family Annual Entrance Pass</b> (25% discount: active duty servicemembers and veterans)	3,200
<u>Value of Discount</u>	\$96,000
<b>Lifetime Family Annual Entrance Pass</b> (Full discount: disabled veterans; the spouse and parents of a fallen military servicemember, law enforcement officer, or firefighter)	14,381
<u>Value of Discount</u>	\$1,725,720
<b>Total Passes FY 12-13</b>	<b>18,696</b>
<u>Total Value of Discount</u>	<u>\$1,838,445</u>

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> Data provided by Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development at the University of West Florida. On file with the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee.

<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>5</sup> Florida Department of Military Affairs. Available at: <http://www.floridaguard.army.mil/about-us>

<sup>6</sup> Section 258.0145, F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Data provided by Department of Environmental Protection staff on 2-12-14. On file with the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee.

Current law does not address entrance fee discounts for county and municipal parks for current and former military personnel and their families or the families of deceased first responders. There are approximately 250 county and municipal parks and recreation agencies in Florida, each managing a number of park areas, which offer a variety of amenities.<sup>8</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates sections 125.028 and 166.0447, F.S., to require county departments of parks and recreation and municipal departments of parks and recreation, respectively, to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the following persons:

- A current member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including its reserve and National Guard components;
- An honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, including its reserve and National Guard components;
- An honorably discharged veteran with a service-connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;
- The surviving spouse and parents of a deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces, including its reserve and National Guard components, who died in the line of duty under combat-related conditions; and
- The surviving spouse and parents of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who died in the line of duty.

The bill also defines the term “park entrance fee” to mean a fee charged to access lands managed by a county or city park or recreation department, excluding expanded amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or programs taking place within public lands.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2014.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

This bill falls under subsection (b) of s. 18 of Article VII, Florida Constitution. Subsection (b) requires a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house in order to enact a general law reducing the authority that municipalities and counties had on February 1, 1989, to raise revenues in the aggregate. By adding a full or partial discount on county and city park entrance fees for current and former military members and their families and the families of deceased first responders, the bill has the effect of reducing revenues generated from park entrance fees. The bill may be exempt under insignificant fiscal impact, but no estimate is available at this time.

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<sup>8</sup> Data provided by the Florida Recreation and Parks Association, Inc., on 2-14-14. On file with the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Current and former military personnel, spouses and parents of deceased military servicemembers who have fallen in combat and also the spouses and parents of law enforcement officers or firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty will be eligible for a full or partial discount on entrance fees at county and municipal parks.

C. Government Sector Impact:

County and municipal departments of parks and recreation will experience a decrease in revenue generated from park entrance fees as a result of this bill.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 125.028 and 166.0447.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security on February 18, 2014:**

The CS requires county and city departments of parks and recreation to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to persons listed in the bill. It also defines the term “park entrance fee.”

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Bullard) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 125.028, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county



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9 park fee discounts.-

10 (1) A county park or recreation department shall provide a  
11 partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
12 following individuals who present written documentation  
13 satisfactory to the county department which evidences  
14 eligibility for the discount:

15 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or  
16 its reserve components, or the National Guard.

17 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
18 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard.

19 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
20 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard,  
21 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
22 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

23 (d) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of  
24 the United States Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the  
25 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-  
26 related conditions.

27 (e) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement  
28 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
29 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

30 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
31 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a county park or  
32 recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
33 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic  
34 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
35 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or  
36 programs taking place within public lands.

37 Section 2. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created



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38 to read:

39 166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter  
40 municipal park fee discounts.—

41 (1) A municipal park or recreation department shall provide  
42 a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to the  
43 following individuals who present written documentation  
44 satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences  
45 eligibility for the discount:

46 (a) A current member of the United States Armed Forces or  
47 its reserve components, or the National Guard.

48 (b) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
49 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard.

50 (c) An honorably discharged veteran of the United States  
51 Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the National Guard,  
52 who has a service-connected disability as determined by the  
53 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

54 (d) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of  
55 the United States Armed Forces or its reserve components, or the  
56 National Guard, who died in the line of duty under combat-  
57 related conditions.

58 (e) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement  
59 officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as  
60 defined in s. 633.102, who died in the line of duty.

61 (2) As used in this section, the term "park entrance fee"  
62 means a fee charged to access lands managed by a municipal park  
63 or recreation department. The term does not include expanded  
64 amenity fees for amenities such as, campgrounds, aquatic  
65 facilities, stadiums or arenas, facility rentals, special  
66 events, boat launching, golf, zoos, museums, gardens, or



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67 programs taking place within public lands.

68 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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70 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

71 And the title is amended as follows:

72 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
73 and insert:

74 A bill to be entitled  
75 An act relating to county and municipal parks;  
76 creating ss. 125.028 and 166.0447, F.S.; requiring  
77 counties and municipalities to provide partial or full  
78 discounts on park entrance fees to military members,  
79 veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain  
80 deceased military members, law enforcement officers,  
81 and firefighters; requiring that individuals seeking  
82 the discount present written documentation  
83 satisfactory to the county or municipality which  
84 evidences eligibility; defining the term "park  
85 entrance fee" and providing certain exclusions;  
86 providing an effective date.

By Senator Abruzzo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to county and municipal parks; creating ss. 125.028 and 166.0447, F.S.; requiring counties and municipalities to provide discounts on public park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouses and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, and firefighters; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 125.028, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

125.028 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter county park fee discounts.—A county department of parks and recreation shall provide the following discounts on park fees to a person who presents written documentation satisfactory to the county department which evidences his or her eligibility for the following discounts or fee waivers:

(1) An active duty member and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof shall receive a 25 percent discount on annual entrance passes.

(2) An honorably discharged veteran who has service-connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(3) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof who has fallen in combat shall receive

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lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(4) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as defined in s. 633.102, who has died in the line of duty shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

Section 2. Section 166.0447, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

166.0447 Military, law enforcement, and firefighter municipal park fee discounts.—A municipal department of parks and recreation shall provide the following discounts on park fees to a person who presents written documentation satisfactory to the municipal department which evidences his or her eligibility for the following discounts or fee waivers:

(1) An active duty member and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof shall receive a 25 percent discount on annual entrance passes.

(2) An honorably discharged veteran who has service-connected disabilities shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(3) A surviving spouse or parent of a deceased member of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserve components thereof who has fallen in combat shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

(4) A surviving spouse or parent of a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), or a firefighter, as defined in s. 633.102, who has died in the line of duty shall receive lifetime family annual entrance passes at no charge.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

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2/18/14  
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Topic COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL

Bill Number AMENDMENT 378

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Representing PALM BEACH COUNTY

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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Topic local parks

Bill Number SB 378  
*(if applicable)*

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Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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2/18/14  
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Representing Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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BILL: SB 724

INTRODUCER: Senator Dean

SUBJECT: Military Veterans

DATE: February 17, 2014

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Ryon/Spaulding	Ryon	MS	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	_____	_____	TR	_____
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**I. Summary:**

SB 724 renames references to the “Korean Conflict” and the “Vietnam Era” as the “Korean War” and the “Vietnam War,” respectively. The bill also creates a special use license plate for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge, renames the “Korean Conflict Veteran” special use license plate the “Korean War Veteran” license plate, and requires military-related special use license plates to be redesigned to bear the likeness of the respective campaign medal or badge.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Defined Periods of Wartime Service**

Section 1.01(14), F.S., defines the term “veteran” for purposes of determining eligibility for state benefits available to veterans. A person who has served in the active military and has received an honorable discharge may be eligible for a number of state benefits exclusive to veterans.

Additionally, a veteran may be entitled to enhanced benefits as a wartime veteran if the veteran received a campaign badge for service in a campaign or expedition authorized under specified periods of wartime. Current law specifies nine periods of wartime in which status as a wartime veteran can be attained, which include both the “Korean Conflict” and the “Vietnam Era.”<sup>1</sup>

Current law refers to military action in the Southeast Asia region from June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955 as the “Korean Conflict,”<sup>2</sup> and likewise, refers to military action in the Southeast Asia region from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 as the “Vietnam Era.”<sup>3</sup> For both aforementioned campaigns, Congress authorized the use of force, as opposed to issuing a formal declaration of

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<sup>1</sup> Periods of wartime service established in s. 1.01(14), F.S., include the following: Spanish-American War; Mexican Border Period; World War I; World War II; Korean Conflict; Vietnam Era; Persian Gulf War; Operation Enduring Freedom; and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

<sup>2</sup> Section 1.01(14)(e), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Section 1.01(14)(f), F.S.

war. Nonetheless, Congress and the Federal Courts passed and affirmed various laws and legal decisions regarding funding of the war efforts, military discipline, “combat zone” tax exemptions, economic stabilization measures, and subsequent U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits without a formal declaration of war for both campaigns.<sup>4</sup> Modern day references to the campaigns in Korea and Vietnam are often thought of and referred to as the “Korean War” and the “Vietnam War,” respectively.

### **Special Use License Plates**

Current law provides for several types of license plates. In addition to plates issued for governmental or business purposes, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) offers four basic types of plates to the general public:

- Standard plates;
- Specialty license plates;
- Personalized prestige license plates;
- Special use license plates.

Certain members of the general public may be eligible to apply for special use license plates if they are able to document their eligibility pursuant to various sections of ch. 320, F.S. Special use license plates primarily include special use military license plates as well as plates for the handicapped.

Currently, there are 13 special use license plates authorized in s. 320.089, F.S., which can be issued to military servicemembers or veterans for the following types of service:<sup>5</sup>

- Active or retired member of the Florida National Guard;
- Active or retired member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve;
- Former Prisoner of War;
- Survivor of Pearl Harbor;
- Recipient of the Purple Heart medal;
- Servicemember or veteran of Operation Desert Storm;
- Servicemember or veteran of Operation Desert Shield;
- Servicemember or veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom;
- Servicemember or veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom;
- Recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge;
- Recipient of the Combat Action Badge;
- Veteran of the Vietnam War;
- Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Special use license plates authorized under s. 320.089, F.S., are each stamped with words consistent with the type of special use plate issued. For example, a special use plate issued to a current or former member of the Florida National Guard is stamped with the words “National

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<sup>4</sup> Congressional Research Service, Declarations of War and Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Historical Background and Legal Implications, January 11, 2013, <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL31133.pdf>,

<sup>5</sup> s. 320.089, F.S.; Recipients of the special use license plates in s. 320.089, F.S. are required to pay the annual license tax in s. 320.08, F.S., except for survivors of Pearl Harbor, recipients of the Purple Heart medal, and former Prisoners of War.

Guard.” Additionally, two of the thirteen military-related special use license plates are authorized to display images consistent with the type of special use plate. The Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge special use plates each display images resembling the respective award.

The first \$100,000 of the General Revenue from the issuance of these special use plates is deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund under the Veterans’ Nursing Homes of Florida Act.<sup>6</sup> Any additional General Revenue is deposited into the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used to construct, operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans.<sup>7</sup> For Fiscal Year 2012-2013 the total revenue from these plates was \$2,112,491.73.<sup>8</sup>

Tax Collectors maintain an adequate inventory on-hand for each special use license plate. Upon issuance of a redesigned special use license plate, the on-hand inventory of the existing design would become obsolete and be removed from inventory.<sup>9</sup>

### Combat Medical Badge

Army regulations provide for three types of combat badges: the Combat Infantry Badge, the Combat Action Badge, and the Combat Medical Badge.<sup>10</sup> All three are awarded to soldiers of the rank of Colonel or below that have engaged in active ground combat against an enemy force. The Combat Medical Badge was created by the War Department on March 1, 1945.<sup>11</sup> Its evolution stemmed from a requirement to recognize medical aid-men who shared the same hazards and hardships of ground combat on a daily basis with the infantry soldier.<sup>12</sup> The Combat Medical Badge was designed to provide recognition to the field medic who accompanies the infantryman into battle and shares the experiences unique to the infantry in combat.<sup>13</sup>

Current law authorizes special use plates for the Combat Action Badge and the Combat Infantry Badge, but not the Combat Medical Badge.

## III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

**Section 1** amends s. 1.01, F.S., to change the references to the “Korean Conflict” and the “Vietnam Era” to the “Korean War” and the “Vietnam War,” respectively.

**Section 2** amends s. 295.125(2), F.S., to revise a reference from “Vietnam Era” to “Vietnam War.”

**Section 3** amends s. 320.089, F.S., to do the following:

- Create a special use license plate for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge;

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<sup>6</sup> s. 320.089(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Id.

<sup>8</sup> Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs, 2014 Agency Bill Analysis: HB 559 (Identical to SB 724)

<sup>9</sup> DHSMV, 2014 Agency Bill Analysis: HB 559 (Identical to SB 724)

<sup>10</sup> United States Army Regulation 600-8-22, Section II, available at:

[http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/600\\_Series\\_Collection\\_1.html](http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/600_Series_Collection_1.html).

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Combat Medical Badge, available at:

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Combat%20Medical%20Badge%20CMB>.

<sup>12</sup> Id.

<sup>13</sup> Id.

- Change the “Korean Conflict Veteran” special use license plate to read “Korean War Veteran;” and
- Require the military-related special use license plates to be stamped with the likeness of the related campaign medal or badge. These special use license plates would be redesigned and would replace any on-hand license plate inventory. Currently, two of the eleven military-related special use license plates are required to bear the likeness of the related campaign medal or badge.

**Section 4** provides that the bill take effect on July 1, 2014.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

##### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

##### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

##### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

##### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

##### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

A redesigned special use license plate currently listed in s. 320.089, F.S., may be issued to a current Florida motor vehicle registrant, as a “renewal” license plate as opposed to a “new” license plate. Registration fees and taxes vary, based on the weight of the vehicle. On average, it costs approximately \$45-50 in taxes and fees for either the renewal of a special use license plate or the first time issuance of a special use license plate in exchange for a standard license plate.<sup>14</sup>

A special use license plate would be available to a new group of registrants who are recipients the Combat Medical Badge.

##### **C. Government Sector Impact:**

According to the DHSMV, the initial startup cost to create and manufacture the Combat Medical Badge license plate would be \$4,230. An initial order of 1,500 license plates

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<sup>14</sup> Per e-mail correspondence with DHSMV staff. Feb. 12, 2014. On file with Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee.

would be made (1,500 x \$2.82) and distributed to Tax Collector offices statewide to meet public demand.<sup>15</sup>

Additionally, there are 37,419 special use license plates on-hand at Tax Collector offices across the state. Upon passage and implementation of the bill, the on-hand inventory of special use plates that are to be redesigned would be removed from inventory. This would result in a cost of \$105,521.58 (37,419 x \$2.82).<sup>16</sup> However, this would not be an additional cost to the DHSMV because the cost of the on-hand special use plates has already been assumed by the DHSMV.<sup>17</sup>

Startup costs to place the redesigned special use license plates (1,500 of each) in inventory statewide would result in a cost of \$46,530 (16,500 x \$2.82).<sup>18</sup>

The total cost to create the Combat Medical Badge license plate, redesign the existing special use license plates and dispose of existing inventory would be \$156,281.58.<sup>19</sup>

Additionally, the bill could have a positive impact on the State Homes for Veteran's Trust Fund with the sale of the new Combat Medical Badge special use plate and also any increase in the sale of existing special use plates as a result of the redesigns of the plates to include the respective image.

#### **VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

#### **VII. Related Issues:**

None.

#### **VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 1.01, 295.125, and 320.089.

#### **IX. Additional Information:**

##### **A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

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<sup>15</sup> DHSMV, 2014 Agency Bill Analysis: HB 559 (Identical to SB 724)

<sup>16</sup> Id.

<sup>17</sup> Military and Veteran Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee staff telephone conversation with DHSMV staff Feb. 17, 2014.

<sup>18</sup> DHSMV, 2014 Agency Bill Analysis: HB 559 (Identical to SB 724)

<sup>19</sup> Id.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Dean

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to military veterans; amending ss. 1.01 and 295.125, F.S.; revising references from the "Korean Conflict" and the "Vietnam Era" to the "Korean War" and the "Vietnam War," respectively, and from "Korean Conflict Veteran" to "Korean War Veteran"; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of a Combat Medical Badge license plate; revising references; establishing a method of proof of eligibility for certain specialty license plates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 1.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1.01 Definitions.—In construing these statutes and each and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will permit:

(14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released ~~therefrom~~ under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or a ~~veteran must have served~~ during one of the following periods of

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wartime service:

(a) Spanish-American War: April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902, and including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion.

(b) Mexican Border Period: May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, in the case of a veteran who during such period served in Mexico, on the borders of thereof, or in the waters adjacent to Mexico thereto.

(c) World War I: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; extended to April 1, 1920, for those veterans who served in Russia; also extended through July 1, 1921, for those veterans who served after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, provided such veterans had at least 1 day of service between April 5, 1917, and November 12, 1918.

(d) World War II: December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946.

(e) Korean War Conflict: June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955.

(f) Vietnam War Era: February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.

(g) Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, to January 2, 1992.

(h) Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.

(i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 295.125, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.125 Preference for admission to career training.—

(2) In determining order of admission or acceptance for

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59 students, every career center or career program ~~that which~~  
 60 receives state funding or support shall give preference as  
 61 provided in subsection (3) to a person who served in the Armed  
 62 Forces of the United States at any time during the Vietnam War  
 63 ~~Era~~, as defined in s. 1.01(14), and who has been separated  
 64 therefrom under honorable conditions, if such person's  
 65 enrollment is directly related to his or her present employment  
 66 or to his or her securing employment.

67 Section 3. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
 68 and amended to read:

69 320.089 Members of National Guard ~~and active United States~~  
 70 ~~Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of~~  
 71 ~~Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; active or retired~~  
 72 ~~United States Armed Forces reservists~~ Operation Desert Storm  
 73 Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Iraqi  
 74 Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry  
 75 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients;  
 76 former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War  
 77 Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert  
 78 Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; and  
 79 Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~Korean Conflict~~ Veterans; special  
 80 license plates; fee.—

81 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 82 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
 83 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
 84 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
 85 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
 86 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an  
 87 active or retired member of any branch of the United States

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88 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
 89 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge shall, upon  
 90 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
 91 membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard,  
 92 proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or  
 93 proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
 94 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of  
 95 active or retired membership in any branch of the Armed Forces  
 96 Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's  
 97 Association, Inc., or other proof of being a recipient of the  
 98 Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action  
 99 Badge, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as  
 100 provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by  
 101 s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed  
 102 by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard,"  
 103 "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S.  
 104 Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," or  
 105 "Combat Action Badge," as appropriate, and a likeness of the  
 106 related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number  
 107 of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may  
 108 have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the  
 109 likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

110 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 111 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
 112 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
 113 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
 114 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
 115 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
 116 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated

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117 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
 118 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
 119 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
 120 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

121 (c) 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 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 128 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 129 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 130 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
 131 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
 132 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
 133 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
 134 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
 135 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
 136 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
 137 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

138 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
 139 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
 140 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
 141 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
 142 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
 143 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
 144 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
 145 320.08.

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146 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the consent  
 147 of the United States Government, or a person who was a member of  
 148 the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a United  
 149 States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the Armed  
 150 Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or their  
 151 unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special license  
 152 plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of the  
 153 license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

154 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 155 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 156 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 157 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
 158 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
 159 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
 160 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
 161 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on  
 162 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
 163 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
 164 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
 165 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
 166 the Purple Heart medal.

167 ~~(6)-(4)~~ 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 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

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175 ~~Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield; in Afghanistan during~~  
 176 ~~Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi~~  
 177 ~~Freedom; or in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom~~  
 178 shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof  
 179 of active membership or former active duty status during one of  
 180 these operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the  
 181 vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as  
 182 provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration  
 183 license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the  
 184 words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"  
 185 "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Desert Shield,"  
 186 "Operation Iraqi Freedom," or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as  
 187 appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal  
 188 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof  
 189 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,  
 190 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War  
 191 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish  
 192 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

193 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 194 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 195 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 196 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 197 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
 198 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
 199 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military  
 200 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the  
 201 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
 202 active duty status during these operations, and, upon payment of  
 203 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be

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204 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
 205 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
 206 shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," and a likeness  
 207 of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration  
 208 license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was  
 209 awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish  
 210 eligibility for the license plate.

211 ~~(4)(6)~~ The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 212 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 213 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 214 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 215 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
 216 current or former member of the United States Armed Forces  
 217 military, and who was deployed and served in Korea during the  
 218 Korean War as defined by s. 1.01(14), United States military  
 219 deployment in Korea shall, upon application to the department,  
 220 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
 221 status during the Korean War ~~these operations,~~ and upon payment  
 222 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
 223 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
 224 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
 225 shall be stamped the words "Korean War Veteran," and a likeness  
 226 of the Korean Service Medal, "~~Korean Conflict Veteran,~~" followed  
 227 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the  
 228 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to  
 229 establish eligibility for the license plate.

230 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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Name Mike Prendergast

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Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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February 17, 2014

Chair Thad Altman  
Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security  
111 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Chair Altman,

I respectfully ask to be excused from the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security being held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audrey Gibson".

Audrey Gibson  
State Senator  
Senate District 9

Cc: Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director

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25th District

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Honorable Thad Altman  
The Florida Senate  
314 Senate Office Building  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair Altman:

Please accept this letter as my formal request to excuse myself from the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security committee meeting on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Abruzzo".

Joseph Abruzzo  
Florida State Senator  
District 25

Cc: Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director

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February 18, 2014

The Honorable Thad Altman, Chair  
Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security  
111 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair Altman:

I am writing to respectfully request that I be excused from the Committee on ~~Security~~ <sup>Military Affairs</sup> meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 18, 2014. I have a prior commitment and will not be able to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to call my office. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Gardiner".

Senator Andy Gardiner

AG:gh

Cc: Ms. Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director  
Ms. Lois Graham, Administrative Assistant

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Started: 2/18/2014 2:04:27 PM

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2:04:27 PM Chairman Altman calls meeting to order  
2:04:30 PM Chairman Altman ask Administrative Assistant to call the roll  
2:04:40 PM Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham  
2:05:04 PM Chairman Altman gives a few words regarding electronic equipment and asked speakers to fill out speaker card  
2:05:32 PM Tab 1- SB 378 by Senator Abruzzo presented by Ms. Kimberly Diaz, Legislative Assistant to Senator Abruzzo  
2:05:57 PM Amendment Barcode # 182036 by Senator Bullard explained by Ms. Diaz  
2:06:38 PM Chairman Altman asked if there were questions on the amendment  
2:06:57 PM Mr. Todd BonLarron, Legislative Affairs Director, Palm Beach County waives in support  
2:07:16 PM Mr. Lester Abberger, FL Recreation and Parks Association waives in support  
2:07:43 PM Colonel Mike Prendergast, Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs waives in support  
2:08:08 PM Chairman Altman asked if anyone had a question and there were no questions  
2:08:19 PM The Amendment was adopted  
2:08:26 PM Ms. Diaz waives closing  
2:08:40 PM Senator Evers moves for a Committee Substitute on SB 378  
2:09:01 PM Chairman Altman asked the Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham to call the roll on CS/SB 378  
2:09:15 PM Roll call on CS/SB 378 by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham  
2:09:22 PM The Bill passes  
2:09:28 PM Tab 2 - Chairman Altman asked Senator Dean to explain SB 724  
2:09:56 PM SB 724 was explained by Senator Dean  
2:10:14 PM Chairman Altman asked if anyone had a question  
2:10:25 PM Question from Senator Bullard regarding SB 724 - Response from Senator Dean  
2:10:44 PM Question from Senator Sachs  
2:11:14 PM Response from Senator Evers  
2:11:29 PM Question from Senator Sachs  
2:11:55 PM Response from Senator Dean  
2:13:55 PM Chairman Altman asked Colonel Mike Prendergast to come forward to speak on Senator Sachs' questions  
2:14:15 PM Colonel Mike Prendergast speaks on the bill  
2:17:23 PM Chairman Altman asked if there were additional questions  
2:17:35 PM Chairman Altman asked Senator Dean to close on SB 724  
2:17:56 PM Senator Dean closes on SB 724 and Chairman Altman asked the Administrative Assistant to call the roll  
2:18:04 PM Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham on SB 724  
2:18:14 PM The Bill passes  
2:18:28 PM Senator Dean moves to rise