

By Senator Simpson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Gold Star license plates; amending  
3           s. 320.0894, F.S.; including certain individuals as  
4           qualified for issuance of a Gold Star license plate;  
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. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
10          320.0894, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           320.0894 Motor vehicle license plates to Gold Star family  
12          members.—The department shall develop a special license plate  
13          honoring the family members of servicemembers who have been  
14          killed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.  
15          The license plate shall be officially designated as the Gold  
16          Star license plate and shall be developed and issued as provided  
17          in this section.

18           (4) (a) 1.a. The Gold Star license plate shall be issued only  
19          to family members of a servicemember who resided in Florida at  
20          the time of the death of the servicemember.

21           b. Any family member, as defined in subparagraph 2., of a  
22          servicemember killed while serving may be issued a Gold Star  
23          license plate upon payment of the license tax and appropriate  
24          fees as provided in paragraph (3) (a) without regard to the state  
25          of residence of the servicemember.

26           2. To qualify for issuance of a Gold Star license plate,  
27          the applicant must be directly related to a fallen servicemember  
28          as spouse, legal mother or father, ~~or~~ stepparent, parent through  
29          adoption, foster parent, grandparent, child, stepchild, adopted

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30 child, brother, sister, half brother, or half sister ~~who is~~  
31 ~~currently married to the mother or father~~ of the fallen  
32 servicemember.

33 3. A servicemember is deemed to have been killed while in  
34 service as listed by the United States Department of Defense and  
35 may be verified from documentation directly from the Department  
36 of Defense or from its subordinate agencies, such as the Coast  
37 Guard, Reserve, or National Guard.

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