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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.