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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to special license plates; amending s.
 3 320.089, F.S.; providing for special license plates to
 4 be issued to Bronze Star or Bronze Star Combat
 5 recipients; making technical changes; providing an
 6 effective date.

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

10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 320.089, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 320.089 ~~Veterans of the United States Armed Forces; members~~
 13 ~~of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal~~
 14 ~~recipients; active or retired United States Armed Forces~~
 15 ~~reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or~~
 16 ~~Combat Action Badge recipients; Combat Action Ribbon recipients;~~
 17 ~~Air Force Combat Action Medal recipients; Distinguished Flying~~
 18 ~~Cross recipients; former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans;~~
 19 ~~Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans;~~
 20 ~~Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom~~
 21 ~~Veterans; Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans; Women Veterans;~~
 22 ~~World War II Veterans; and Navy Submariners; Special license~~
 23 ~~plates for military service members, veterans, and Pearl Harbor~~
 24 ~~survivors; fee.-~~

25 (1) (a) Upon application to the department and payment of
 26 the license tax for a vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, a
 27 resident of this state who owns or leases ~~Each owner or lessee~~
 28 ~~of~~ an automobile or a truck for private use or a recreational
 29 vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9) (c) or (d) ~~7~~ which is not

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30 used for hire or commercial use, shall be issued a license
31 plate, as provided by s. 320.06, pursuant to the following
32 procedure if the applicant provides the department with proof
33 that he or she meets the qualifications specified in this
34 subsection for the applicable license plate:

35 1. A person released or discharged from any branch ~~who is a~~
36 ~~resident of the state and a veteran~~ of the United States Armed
37 Forces shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term
38 "Veteran" or, upon request, a "Woman Veteran" followed by the
39 serial number of the license plate.

40 2. A World War II veteran shall be issued a license plate
41 stamped with the term "WWII Veteran" followed by the serial
42 number of the license plate.

43 3. A Navy submariner shall be issued a license plate
44 stamped with the term "Navy Submariner" followed by the serial
45 number of the license plate.

46 4. An active or retired member of the Florida National
47 Guard shall be issued a license plate stamped with the term
48 "National Guard" followed by the serial number of the license
49 plate.

50 5. A member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or
51 any other person on active military duty at Pearl Harbor on
52 December 7, 1941, shall be issued a license plate stamped with
53 the term "Pearl Harbor Survivor" followed by the serial number
54 of the license plate. ~~a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor,~~

55 6. A recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall be issued a
56 license plate stamped with the term "Combat-wounded Veteran"
57 followed by the serial number of the license plate. The Purple
58 Heart plate may have the term "Purple Heart" stamped on the

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59 plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal may appear on
60 the plate.

61 7. An active or retired member of any branch of the United
62 States Armed Forces Reserve shall be issued a license plate
63 stamped with the term "U.S. Reserve" followed by the serial
64 number of the license plate.

65 8. A member of the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc.,
66 or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical
67 Badge, Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force
68 Combat Action Medal shall be issued a license plate stamped with
69 the term "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge,"
70 "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action Ribbon," or "Air Force
71 Combat Action Medal," as appropriate, and a likeness of the
72 related campaign medal or badge followed by the serial number of
73 the license plate.

74 9. A recipient of the, ~~or~~ Distinguished Flying Cross shall
75 be issued a license plate stamped with the term "Distinguished
76 Flying Cross" and a likeness of the Distinguished Flying Cross
77 followed by the serial number of the license plate.

78 10. A recipient of the Bronze Star shall be issued a
79 license plate stamped with the term "Bronze Star" and a likeness
80 of the Bronze Star medal followed by the serial number of the
81 license plate. A Bronze Star Combat recipient shall be issued a
82 license plate stamped with the term "Bronze Star" and a likeness
83 of the Bronze Star medal with a "Combat V" emblem followed by
84 the serial number of the license plate, upon application to the
85 department, accompanied by proof of release or discharge from
86 any branch of the United States Armed Forces, proof of active
87 membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard,

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88 ~~proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or~~
89 ~~proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7,~~
90 ~~1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of~~
91 ~~active or retired membership in any branch of the United States~~
92 ~~Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat~~
93 ~~Infantrymen's Association, Inc., proof of being a recipient of~~
94 ~~the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Combat Action~~
95 ~~Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or~~
96 ~~Distinguished Flying Cross, and upon payment of the license tax~~
97 ~~for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a~~
98 ~~license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of the~~
99 ~~serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, is stamped with the~~
100 ~~words "Veteran," "Woman Veteran," "WWII Veteran," "Navy~~
101 ~~Submariner," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-~~
102 ~~wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge,"~~
103 ~~"Combat Medical Badge," "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action~~
104 ~~Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished~~
105 ~~Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related~~
106 ~~campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number of the~~
107 ~~license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the~~
108 ~~words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of~~
109 ~~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) Any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran
122 license plates must be deposited into the Operations and
123 Maintenance Trust Fund administered by the Department of
124 Veterans' Affairs pursuant to s. 20.375(3) and must be used
125 solely for the purpose of creating and implementing programs to
126 benefit women veterans.

127 (d) Notwithstanding any ~~provisions of~~ law to the contrary,
128 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a
129 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled
130 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the
131 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license
132 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

133 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.