

1 A bill to be entitled
 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 Combat Action
 5 Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and
 6 Distinguished Flying Cross license plates; specifying
 7 qualifications and requirements for the plates;
 8 providing for the use of proceeds from the sale of the
 9 plates; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended
 14 to read:

15 320.089 Veterans of the United States Armed Forces;
 16 members of National Guard; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple
 17 Heart medal recipients; active or retired United States Armed
 18 Forces reservists; Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge,
 19 ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, or Air Force
 20 Combat Action Medal recipients; former prisoners of war; Korean
 21 War Veterans; Vietnam War Veterans; Operation Desert Shield
 22 Veterans; Operation Desert Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring
 23 Freedom Veterans; ~~and~~ Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans;
 24 Distinguished Flying Cross recipients; special license plates;
 25 fee.—

26 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for

27 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
 28 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
 29 use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and a veteran of the
 30 United States Armed Forces, an active or retired member of the
 31 Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl
 32 Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an active or
 33 retired member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
 34 Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat
 35 Medical Badge, ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Air
 36 Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying Cross ~~shall~~,
 37 upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of
 38 release or discharge from any branch of the United States Armed
 39 Forces, proof of active membership or retired status in the
 40 Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor
 41 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl
 42 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal
 43 recipient, proof of active or retired membership in any branch
 44 of the United States Armed Forces Reserve, ~~or~~ proof of
 45 membership in the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., ~~or~~
 46 ~~either~~ proof of being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge,
 47 Combat Medical Badge, ~~or~~ Combat Action Badge, Combat Action
 48 Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, or Distinguished Flying
 49 Cross, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as
 50 provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
 51 provided by s. 320.06, ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the serial numbers
 52 prescribed by s. 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with the words

53 "Veteran," "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-
54 wounded veteran," "U.S. Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge,"
55 "Combat Medical Badge," ~~or~~ "Combat Action Badge," "Combat Action
56 Ribbon," "Air Force Combat Action Medal," or "Distinguished
57 Flying Cross," as appropriate, and a likeness of the related
58 ~~campaign~~ medal, ribbon, or badge, followed by the serial number
59 of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may
60 have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the
61 likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

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

73 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision ~~provisions~~ of law
74 to the contrary, an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor
75 license plate or a Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies
76 for a disabled veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be
77 issued the appropriate special license plate without payment of
78 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

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

91 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
 92 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
 93 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a
 94 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
 95 States were engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried
 96 surviving spouse, may be issued the special license plate
 97 provided for in this subsection without payment of the license
 98 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

99 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
 100 consent of the United States Government, ~~or a person~~ who was a
 101 member of the Armed Forces of the United States while he or she
 102 ~~who~~ was not a United States citizen who ~~and~~ was held as a
 103 prisoner of war when the Armed Forces of the United States were
 104 engaged in combat, or his or her ~~their~~ unremarried surviving

105 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in
 106 this subsection upon payment of the license tax imposed by s.
 107 320.08.

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

121 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
 122 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
 123 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), a
 124 ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
 125 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
 126 a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces, ~~and~~
 127 ~~and~~ who was deployed and served in Korea during the Korean War
 128 as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~shall~~, upon application to the
 129 department, ~~accompanied by proof of active membership or former~~
 130 active duty status during the Korean War, ~~and upon~~ payment of

131 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
132 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,
133 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.
134 320.06, is shall be stamped with the words "Korean War Veteran,"
135 and a likeness of the Korean Service Medal, followed by the
136 registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
137 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to
138 establish eligibility for the license plate.

139 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
140 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
141 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
142 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
143 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
144 a current or former member of the United States military, ~~and~~
145 who was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States
146 military deployment in Indochina ~~shall~~, upon application to the
147 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former
148 active duty status during these operations, ~~and, upon~~ payment of
149 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, shall
150 be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which,
151 in lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s.
152 320.06, is shall be stamped with the words "Vietnam War
153 Veteran," and a likeness of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed
154 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
155 applicant was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to
156 establish eligibility for the license plate.

157 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
158 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
159 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
160 which ~~automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle~~ is not used for
161 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state and
162 a current or former member of the United States military who was
163 deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of
164 the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation
165 Desert Storm; in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom;
166 or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~shall~~, upon
167 application to the department, ~~accompanied~~ by proof of active
168 membership or former active duty status during one of these
169 operations, ~~and upon~~ payment of the license tax for the vehicle
170 as provided in s. 320.08, shall be issued a license plate as
171 provided by s. 320.06 ~~upon~~ which, in lieu of the registration
172 license number prescribed by s. 320.06, is ~~shall be~~ stamped with
173 the words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"
174 "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "Operation Iraqi Freedom," as
175 appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal
176 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof
177 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
178 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War
179 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish
180 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

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