
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§249-9.2 Special number plates; military service. (a)

4 In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the
5 counties by the director of finance of the city and county of
6 Honolulu, the director of finance shall provide for a fee, one
7 set of special number plates upon the receipt of an application
8 together with:

- 9 (1) Specific proof that the applicant was awarded the
10 Purple Heart by the United States Department of
11 Defense for wounds received in military or naval
12 combat against an armed enemy of the United States;
- 13 (2) Certification that the applicant is a veteran;
- 14 (3) Specific proof that the applicant was serving the
15 United States in the military or as a civilian, on
16 Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than three
17 miles at the time of the December 7, 1941, attack on
18 Pearl Harbor. Certification from the Hawaii state



1 chairperson of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
2 shall constitute sufficient proof;

3 (4) Specific proof that the applicant was confined as a
4 prisoner of war while providing military service to
5 the United States; [~~or~~]

6 (5) Certification from the United States Department of
7 Veterans Affairs or the state office of veterans'
8 services that the applicant is a combat veteran or a
9 veteran of the Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict,
10 World War II, or the Persian Gulf conflict;

11 (6) Specific proof that the applicant was awarded the
12 Combat Infantryman badge by the United States
13 Department of Defense; or

14 (7) Certification that the applicant was a combat medic.

15 (b) The design of the plates for:

16 (1) Purple heart recipients shall include the words
17 "COMBAT WOUNDED";

18 (2) Veterans shall include the word "VETERAN";

19 (3) Pearl Harbor survivors shall include the words "PEARL
20 HARBOR SURVIVOR";

21 (4) Former prisoners of war shall include the words
22 "FORMER PRISONER OF WAR";

- 1 (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT
2 VETERAN";
- 3 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the
4 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";
- 5 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
6 words "KOREA VETERAN";
- 7 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
8 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN"; [~~and~~]
- 9 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include
10 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN";
- 11 (10) Combat Infantryman badge recipients shall include the
12 words "COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE"; and
- 13 (11) Combat medics shall include the words "COMBAT MEDIC".

14 These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of
15 the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and
16 honorary consul license plates.

17 (c) Registration certificates and license plates issued
18 under this section shall not be transferable to any other
19 person. Special number plates for military service shall be
20 assigned to a noncommercial passenger motor vehicle, a
21 noncommercial motorcycle, or motor scooter registered in the
22 name of the qualified applicant and shall be available in any



1 category of special number plates for military service. Prior
 2 to the transfer of the ownership of the qualified person's
 3 vehicle to another party, the special number plates shall be
 4 surrendered to the director of finance as a condition to the
 5 issuance of replacement special number plates; provided that the
 6 director of finance shall allow the survivor of the qualified
 7 person, upon request, to retain the front special number plate
 8 as a memorial.

9 (d) The director of finance shall authorize the design of
 10 a license plate that is readily identifiable and distinguishable
 11 under actual traffic conditions and shall adopt rules pursuant
 12 to chapter 91 to carry out this section. "

13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Description:
Designates two new special design plates.

