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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The 29th brigade combat team of the Hawaii army
2 national guard has been serving in the Iraq war since February
3 2005 as part of operation Iraqi freedom. The 29th brigade
4 includes about 575 army reservists in Hawaii, and from Guam,
5 American Samoa, and Saipan in the 100th battalion, 442nd
6 infantry, the famed "Go For Broke" regimen of World War II.

7 The troops of the 29th brigade have given up their civilian
8 lives and jobs to fight the war in Iraq. The last time the
9 brigade saw combat duty was in Vietnam. Similarly, members of
10 the 25th infantry division and others risked their lives and
11 fought for freedom in Afghanistan in operation enduring freedom.

12 All veterans who have been totally disabled in the service
13 of the country have sacrificed their futures and livelihoods for
14 the preservation of freedom and democracy.

15 The legislature finds that it is fitting and proper to
16 honor Hawaii troops in the Iraq and Afghanistan war and those
17 who have been totally disabled, by issuing a special license



1 plate. A special license plate currently exists for Vietnam
2 veterans.

3 The purpose of this Act is to create a special license
4 plate to honor the 29th brigade and the 100th battalion 442nd
5 infantry for service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to honor
6 disabled veterans.

7 SECTION 2. Section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

9 "(a) In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of
10 the counties by the director of finance of the city and county
11 of Honolulu, the director of finance shall provide for a fee,
12 one set of special number plates upon the receipt of an
13 application together with:

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



1 Pearl Harbor. Certification from the Hawaii state
2 chairperson of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association
3 shall constitute sufficient proof;

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

7 (5) Certification from the United States Department of
8 Veterans Affairs or the state office of veterans'
9 services that the applicant is a combat:

10 (A) Combat veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam
11 conflict, the Korean conflict, World War II, ~~[or]~~
12 the Persian Gulf conflict~~[+]~~, or the 29th brigade
13 combat team of Hawaii (including the 100th
14 battalion, 442nd infantry reserve) in operation
15 Iraqi freedom or the 25th infantry division and
16 others in operation enduring freedom in
17 Afghanistan; or

18 (B) Veteran who is receiving or entitled to receive
19 disability compensation at the rate of one
20 hundred per cent for total service-connected
21 disability.

22 (b) The design of the plates for:

- 1 (1) Purple heart recipients shall include the words
2 "COMBAT WOUNDED";
- 3 (2) Veterans shall include the word "VETERAN";
- 4 (3) Pearl Harbor survivors shall include the words "PEARL
5 HARBOR SURVIVOR";
- 6 (4) Former prisoners of war shall include the words
7 "FORMER PRISONER OF WAR";
- 8 (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT
9 VETERAN";
- 10 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the
11 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";
- 12 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
13 words "KOREA VETERAN";
- 14 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
15 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN"; [~~and~~]
- 16 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include
17 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN"[-];
- 18 (10) Veterans of the 29th brigade combat team of the Hawaii
19 army national guard, including those army reservists
20 in the 100th battalion, 442nd infantry, who served in
21 operation Iraqi freedom and veterans of the 25th
22 brigade who served in operation enduring freedom in



1 Afghanistan, shall include the words "29th BRIGADE
 2 OIF," "100th 442nd INFANTRY OIF," or "25th INFANTRY
 3 OEF," as applicable to the veteran; and
 4 (11) Veterans rendered totally disabled due to
 5 service-connected illness or disability shall include
 6 the words "DISABLED VETERAN."

7 These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of
 8 the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and
 9 honorary consul license plates."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2006.

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Report Title:

Special License Plates; Iraq War Veterans; Disabled Veterans

Description:

Allows special number license plates to be issued to veterans of operation Iraqi freedom and operation enduring freedom in Afghanistan who were members of the 29th brigade Hawaii national guard, the 100th battalion, 442nd infantry reserve, or the 25th infantry division, and to all disabled veterans.

