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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS LICENSE 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



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 veteran or a  
10 veteran of the Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict,  
11 World War II, or the Persian Gulf conflict.

12 (b) The design of the plates for:

13 (1) Purple heart recipients shall include the words  
14 "COMBAT WOUNDED";

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

16 (3) Pearl Harbor survivors shall include the words "PEARL  
17 HARBOR SURVIVOR";

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

20 (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT  
21 VETERAN";



1 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the  
2 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";

3 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the  
4 words "KOREA VETERAN";

5 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words  
6 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN"; and

7 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include  
8 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN".

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

12 (c) No fee shall be charged to an applicant for a special  
13 number license plate under this section. The office of veterans  
14 services shall reimburse the director of finance of the city and  
15 county of Honolulu, for the amount of the fee previously charged  
16 to an applicant for the issuance of special number license  
17 plates under this section.

18 [~~e~~] (d) Registration certificates and license plates  
19 issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other  
20 person. Special number plates for military service shall be  
21 assigned to a noncommercial passenger motor vehicle, a  
22 noncommercial motorcycle, or motor scooter registered in the



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

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

14 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ , or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, and the  
17 same sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2008-2009, for the reimbursement of costs to the city and county  
19 of Honolulu for the issuance of special number license plates to  
20 veterans.

21 SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the  
22 office of veterans affairs for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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**Report Title:**

Veterans; License Plates; Fees

**Description:**

Authorizes counties to waive the fees for special number license plates to veterans. Directs the office of veterans services to reimburse the counties for the waived fees. Appropriates funds.

