
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 (b) The design of the plates for:

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

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

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

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

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

21 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the
22 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";



1 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
2 words "KOREA VETERAN";

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

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

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

10 (c) Registration certificates and [~~license~~] number plates
11 issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other
12 person. Special number plates for military service shall be
13 assigned to a noncommercial passenger motor vehicle, a
14 noncommercial motorcycle, or motor scooter registered in the
15 name of the qualified applicant and shall be available in any
16 category of special number plates for military service. Prior
17 to the transfer of the ownership of the qualified person's
18 vehicle to another party, the special number plates shall be
19 surrendered to the director of finance as a condition to the
20 issuance of replacement special number plates; provided that the
21 director of finance shall allow the survivor of the qualified



1 person, upon request, to retain the front special number plate
2 as a memorial.

3 (d) The director of finance shall authorize the design of
4 a [~~license~~] number plate that is readily identifiable and
5 distinguishable under actual traffic conditions and shall adopt
6 rules pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out this section.

7 (e) An optional fundraising fee may be charged by the
8 director of finance and collected on behalf of a military
9 service veterans group chosen at the discretion of the applicant
10 as follows:

11 (1) A \$10 optional fundraising fee upon initial
12 registration;

13 (2) A \$5 optional fundraising fee upon each annual renewal
14 of the vehicle registration; or

15 (3) Any dollar amount determined by the applicant.

16 (f) A military service veterans group, headquartered in
17 the State, may apply to the director of finance on an
18 application form prescribed by the director to collect the
19 optional fundraising fee; provided that a group that is a
20 chapter or branch of an international, national, or regional
21 organization shall be in good standing.



1 The director of finance shall determine, based on criteria
2 in this section, and the director's discretion, whether a
3 military service veterans group's application is accepted or
4 rejected.

5 If the director of finance rejects an application, the
6 director shall state the reasons for the rejection in writing
7 and shall allow the military service veterans group to reapply
8 within a reasonable period after the rejection.

9 After a military service veterans group's application has
10 been approved, applicants for registration certificates and
11 number plates issued under this section shall be allowed to
12 designate the military service veterans group to receive the
13 optional fundraising fee.

14 (g) The optional fundraising fee shall be in addition to
15 any other state or county fees collected for a motor vehicle
16 registration or number plate. The director of finance may
17 retain five per cent of each optional fundraising fee collected
18 to offset the administrative expenses associated with collecting
19 the optional fundraising fee. The remaining portion of the
20 optional fundraising fee shall be deposited in the name of the
21 military service veterans group in a separate county budget
22 account. The director of finance shall determine the most



1 efficient means of reimbursing military service veterans groups
2 for their portion of the optional fundraising fee."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii for fiscal year 2010-2011 to
5 each of the counties as follows:

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| 6 | Honolulu | \$ |
| 7 | Hawaii | \$ |
| 8 | Maui | \$ |
| 9 | Kauai | \$ |

10 The sums appropriated under this section shall constitute
11 the State's share of the cost pursuant to article VIII, section
12 5 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii for the programs
13 mandated to the counties by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Special Number Plates; Military Service; Optional Fundraising Fee

Description:

Provides that applicants for special number plates for military service may pay an optional fundraising fee for a military service veterans group. Makes appropriation to counties as State's share of cost of mandated program.

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