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

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

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

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; [~~or~~]

11 (6) Specific proof that the applicant would qualify for a
12 gold star lapel button under the criteria established
13 by title 10 United States Code section 1126; provided
14 that the applicant shall not be disqualified for the
15 special number plates because the applicant is the
16 grandparent of the deceased member of the United
17 States armed forces; or

18 (7) Specific proof that the applicant is an atomic
19 veteran, defined as a veteran who, as part of the
20 veteran's military service:



1 (A) Participated in an above-ground nuclear test from
2 1945 through 1962;

3 (B) Was part of the United States military occupation
4 force in or near Hiroshima or Nagasaki before
5 1946; or

6 (C) Was confined as a prisoner of war in or near
7 Hiroshima or Nagasaki in certain cases;

8 provided that applicants, except civilian applicants under
9 paragraph (3) and civilian applicants and applicants who are
10 currently serving the United States in the military under
11 paragraph (6), shall also provide a copy of the applicant's most
12 recent discharge paper or separation document that indicates an
13 honorable discharge or general (under honorable conditions)
14 discharge from active duty.

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";



- 1 (4) Former prisoners of war shall include the words
2 "FORMER PRISONER OF WAR";
- 3 (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT
4 VETERAN";
- 5 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the
6 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";
- 7 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
8 words "KOREA VETERAN";
- 9 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
10 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN";
- 11 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include
12 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN"; [and]
- 13 (10) Gold star family members, including grandparents,
14 shall include the words "GOLD STAR FAMILY" [-]; and
- 15 (11) Atomic veterans shall include the words "ATOMIC
16 VETERAN".

17 These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of
18 the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and
19 honorary consul license plates."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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By Request



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Report Title:

Special Number Plates; Military Service; Atomic Veteran

Description:

Adds the category of an atomic veteran to special number license plates.

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