



GOV. MSG. NO. 1184

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 21, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2731 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES
FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR
VETERANS.
ACT 083

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 21 2024

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THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS.

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~~[+]~~, the
11 Iraq war, or the Afghanistan war; or

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

19 provided that applicants, except civilian applicants under
20 paragraph (3) and civilian applicants and applicants who are
21 currently serving the United States in the military under

1 paragraph (6), shall also provide a copy of the applicant's most
2 recent discharge paper or separation document that indicates an
3 honorable discharge or general (under honorable conditions)
4 discharge from active duty.

5 (b) The design of the plates for:

6 (1) Purple heart recipients shall include the words
7 "COMBAT WOUNDED";

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

9 (3) Pearl Harbor survivors shall include the words "PEARL
10 HARBOR SURVIVOR";

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

13 (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT
14 VETERAN";

15 (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the
16 words "VIETNAM VETERAN";

17 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
18 words "KOREA VETERAN";

19 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
20 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN";



1 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include
2 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN"; [~~and~~]

3 (10) Veterans of the Iraq war shall include the words "IRAQ
4 VETERAN";

5 (11) Veterans of the Afghanistan war shall include the
6 words "AFGHANISTAN VETERAN"; and

7 [~~(10)~~] (12) Gold star family members, including
8 grandparents, shall include the words "GOLD STAR
9 FAMILY".

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

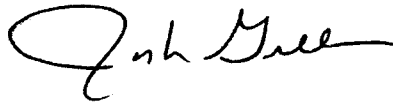
13 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this **21st** day of **June**, 2024


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".


GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2731, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives