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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



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;

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, ~~[ø]~~ the Persian Gulf conflict~~[7]~~, the
12 Iraq conflict, or the Afghanistan conflict; or

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

20 provided that applicants, except civilian applicants under
21 paragraph (3) and civilian applicants and applicants who are



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

6 (b) The design of the plates for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
21 "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 conflict shall include the words
4 "IRAQ VETERAN";

5 (11) Veterans of the Afghanistan conflict 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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Report Title:

Special License Plates; Veterans; Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts

Description:

Creates license plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts.

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