

ACT 86

H.B. NO. 548

A Bill for an Act Relating to Motor Vehicles.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the people of the State of Hawaii must recognize our war veterans for their heroic and unselfish service to their country. The purpose of this Act is to allow special license plates to be issued to residents of Hawaii who are former prisoners of war.

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

“(a) In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the counties by the director of finance of the city and county of Honolulu, the director of finance shall provide for a fee, one set of special number plates upon the receipt of an application together with [specific];

- (1) Specific proof that the applicant was awarded the Purple Heart by the United States Department of Defense for wounds received in military or naval combat against an armed enemy of the United States[, or certification];
- (2) Certification that the applicant is a veteran[.]; or
- (3) Specific proof that the applicant was confined as a prisoner of war while providing military service to the United States.

(b) The design of the plates for purple heart recipients shall include the words “COMBAT WOUNDED” [and], the design of the plates for veterans shall include the word [“VETERAN.”] “VETERAN”, and the design of the plates for former prisoners of war shall include the words “FORMER PRISONER OF WAR”. These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and honorary consul license plates.”

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

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

(Approved June 6, 1996.)