

ACT No. 434

HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

BY REPRESENTATIVES LORUSSO, ADAMS, ARMES, BROADWATER, BROWN, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHANEY, COX, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GREENE, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, KATRINA JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, POPE, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, ST. GERMAIN, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, APPEL, BROOME, BUFFINGTON, CLAITOR, CROWE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GUILLORY, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LONG, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, RISER, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:490.26, relative to military honor license plates; to provide for the
3 establishment of a military honor license plate for military service during the Cold
4 War; to require the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the
5 creation and implementation of this military honor license plate; to provide for the
6 creation, issuance, and design of such plates; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §490.26. Military honor license plates; "Cold War Veteran"

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
11 establish a military honor license plate to be known as the "Cold War Veteran" plate.

12 B. Upon application of a person showing reasonable proof of honorable
13 service in the Armed Forces of the United States for no less than two years of active
14 duty during the period September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991, the secretary of
15 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a military honor license
16 plate to be used in lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate. The license plate
17 shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles,
18 motorcycles, and vans. The military honor license plate shall be known as the "Cold
19 War Veteran" license plate and shall bear a likeness of the Cold War Victory Medal,
20 centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "COLD WAR

1 VETERAN" centered on the bottom of the plate. The colors of the plate shall be red,
2 white, and blue.

3 C. The charge for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle
4 license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana as
5 provided in R.S. 47:463, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each
6 plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

7 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the
8 provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer
9 of license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license
10 plates.

11 E.(1) Any applicant who qualifies for the military honor license plate
12 authorized by this Section may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the
13 applicant's name.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor
15 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon
16 the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. The surviving spouse of the
17 person issued a military honor license plate pursuant to this Section may retain the
18 plate, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and applies to the secretary
19 for a transfer of the plate. A military honor license plate transferred pursuant to this
20 Paragraph to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or
21 remarriage of the surviving spouse.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____