
DIGEST

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HB 603 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Creates the "Woman Veteran", "Commemorative Service" recipient, and "Military Medal Award" recipients speciality license plates.

Proposed law creates the "Woman Veteran", "Commemorative Service recipient", and "Military Medal Award". Provides for the use, name, design, and specifications of the specialty plates.

Proposed law requires the charge for the license plates be the regular motor vehicle registration license fee as provided for in present law, which waives the \$3.50 handling fee for such plate.

Proposed law requires the "Woman Veteran" license plate include the seal of the veteran's branch of service and the words "Woman Veteran".

Proposed law requires the "Commemorative Service" license plate be made available to honorably discharged veterans for serving in the following conflicts:

- (1) Global War on Terrorism.
- (2) War in Iraq.
- (3) War in Afghanistan.

Proposed law requires the "Commemorative Service" license plate include the seal of the veteran's branch of service, the name of the conflict, and the campaign ribbon.

Proposed law requires the "Military Medal Award" license plate be made available to honorably discharged recipients, as certified by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, of the following medal awards:

- (1) Navy Cross.
- (2) Air Force Cross.
- (3) Defense Distinguished Service Medal.
- (4) Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal.

- (5) Distinguished Service Medal (Army).
- (6) Navy Distinguished Service Medal.
- (7) Air Force Distinguished Service Medal.
- (8) Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal.
- (9) Silver Star.
- (10) Defense Superior Service Medal.
- (11) Legion of Merit.
- (12) Distinguished Flying Cross.
- (13) Air Medal.
- (14) Soldier's Medal.
- (15) Airman's Medal.
- (16) Navy and Marine Corps Medal.
- (17) Coast Guard Medal.

Proposed law requires the "Military Medal Award" plate include the name of the veteran's branch of service and the name and image of the medal.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to adopt rules relative to the implementation of the military honor license plates, including the transfer of the license plate to the surviving spouse and the disposition of the military honor license plates.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles to create the military honor plates provided for in proposed law when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.34-490.36)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Remove the handling fee of \$3.50 that was applicable to each military honor license plate.
3. Remove the inclusion of the U.S. flag background on each license plate.
4. Require the office of motor vehicles to create the military honor plates provided for in proposed law when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate new plates.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the Airman's Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Medal, and Coast Guard Medal to the list of medal awards required to be available to honorably discharged recipients for the "Military Medal Award" license plate.