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HOUSE BILL NO. 1150

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MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to military honor license plates for service during the Cold War

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

1 shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles,
2 motorcycles, and vans. The military honor license plate shall be known as the "Cold
3 War Veteran" license plate and shall bear a likeness of the Cold War Victory Medal,
4 centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "COLD WAR
5 VETERAN" centered on the bottom of the plate. The colors of the plate shall be red,
6 white, and blue.

7 C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle
8 registration license fee provided for in R.S. 47:463. In addition to the standard fee
9 imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the constitution, in accordance with
10 47:463(3)(b), a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate shall be
11 assessed and retained by the department to offset a portion of the administrative
12 costs.

13 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the
14 provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer
15 of license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license
16 plates.

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

20 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor
21 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon
22 the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse of a
23 person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may retain a
24 license plate issued pursuant to this Section, provided the surviving spouse has not
25 remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer
26 of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A military honor license plate
27 transferred pursuant to this Paragraph to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the
28 secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates a "COLD WAR VETERAN" military honor license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and issuance of the "COLD WAR VETERAN" license plate. Specifies that in order for the secretary to issue the license plate, a person must show reasonable proof of honorable service in the armed forces for no less than two years of active duty during the period of Sept. 2, 1945, to Dec. 26, 1991.

Proposed law provides that the license plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The plate shall bear a likeness of the Cold War Victory Medal, centered on the left side of the plate and the words "COLD WAR VETERAN" centered on the bottom of the plate. The plate shall be red, white, and blue.

Proposed law provides that the fee for such plate shall be the standard motor vehicle registration license fee. Provides for an additional handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department.

Proposed law provides that the secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the plate.

Proposed law provides that any applicant who qualifies for the plate may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name. Each plate shall be returned to the secretary upon the death of the person to whom the plate was issued, but a surviving spouse of a person to whom the plate was issued may retain the plate provided he or she has not remarried and provided he or she applies to the secretary for a transfer of the plate. The plate shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.26)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provided for an additional handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department.