
HOUSE BILL 2438

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By Representatives DeBolt, O'Brien, Talcott and Benson

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1 AN ACT Relating to special license plates for Vietnam veterans; and
2 reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.305.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.305 and 1997 c 291 s 6 and 1997 c 241 s 10 are
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The department shall continue to issue the categories of special
7 plates issued by the department under the sections repealed under
8 section 12 (1) through (7), chapter 250, Laws of 1990. Special license
9 plates issued under those repealed sections before January 1, 1991, are
10 valid to the extent and under the conditions provided in those repealed
11 sections. The following conditions, limitations, or requirements apply
12 to certain special license plates issued after January 1, 1991:

13 (1) A horseless carriage plate and a plate or plates issued for
14 collectors' vehicles more than thirty years old, upon payment of the
15 initial fees required by law and the additional special license plate
16 fee established by the department, are valid for the life of the
17 vehicle for which application is approved by the department. When a
18 single plate is issued, it shall be displayed on the rear of the
19 vehicle.

1 (2) The department may issue special license plates denoting
2 amateur radio operator status only to persons having a valid official
3 radio operator license issued by the federal communications commission.

4 (3) The department shall issue one set of special license plates to
5 each resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional
6 Medal of Honor for use on a passenger vehicle registered to that
7 person. The department shall issue the plate without the payment of
8 licensing fees (~~and motor vehicle excise tax~~).

9 (4) The department may issue for use on only one motor vehicle
10 owned by the qualified applicant special license plates denoting that
11 the recipient of the plate is a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor
12 on December 7, 1941, to persons meeting all of the following criteria:

13 (a) Is a resident of this state;

14 (b) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,
15 1941;

16 (c) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55
17 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or
18 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

19 (d) Received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed
20 Forces; and

21 (e) Is certified by a Washington state chapter of the Pearl Harbor
22 survivors association as satisfying the qualifications in (c) of this
23 subsection.

24 The department may issue such plates to the surviving spouse of any
25 deceased Pearl Harbor survivor who met the requirements of this
26 subsection. If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall return
27 the special plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for
28 regular plates. The surviving spouse must be a resident of this state.

29 The department shall issue these plates upon payment by the
30 applicant of all other license fees, but the department may not set or
31 charge an additional fee for these special license plates.

32 (5) The department may issue for use on only one motor vehicle
33 owned by the qualified applicant special license plates denoting that
34 the recipient is an honorably discharged veteran who holds the Vietnam
35 service medal.

36 (6) The department shall replace, free of charge, special license
37 plates issued under subsections (3) and (4) of this section if they are
38 lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or destroyed. Such plates shall remain
39 with the persons upon transfer or other disposition of the vehicle for

1 which they were initially issued, and may be used on another vehicle
2 registered to the recipient in accordance with the provisions of RCW
3 46.16.316(1).

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