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HOUSE BILL 2836

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1            AN ACT Relating to eligibility standards for a disabled veteran to  
2 receive one set of license plates for a personal use vehicle without  
3 payment of annual license fees or excise taxes; and amending RCW  
4 73.04.110.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 73.04.110 and 1987 c 98 s 2 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8            Any ~~((person who is a))~~ veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.005  
9 ~~((who)),~~ is entitled to regular or special license plates issued by the  
10 department of licensing if the veteran both submits to the department  
11 ~~((of licensing))~~ satisfactory proof of a service-connected disability  
12 rating from the veterans administration or the military service from  
13 which the veteran was discharged and the veteran:

14            (1) Has lost the use of both hands or one foot;

15            (2) Was captured and incarcerated for more than twenty-nine days by  
16 an enemy of the United States during a period of war with the United  
17 States;

18            (3) Has become blind in both eyes as the result of military  
19 service; or

1 (4) Is rated by the veterans administration or the military service  
2 from which the veteran was discharged and is receiving service-  
3 connected compensation at (~~the one hundred~~) at least a fifty percent  
4 rate that is expected to exist for more than one year(~~+~~  
5 ~~is entitled to regular or special license plates issued by the~~  
6 ~~department of licensing~~). The special license plates shall bear  
7 distinguishing marks, letters, or numerals indicating that the motor  
8 vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran or former prisoner of war. This  
9 license shall be issued annually for one personal use vehicle without  
10 payment of any license fees or excise tax thereon. Whenever any person  
11 who has been issued license plates under the provisions of this section  
12 applies to the department for transfer of the plates to a subsequently  
13 acquired motor vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be charged  
14 in addition to all other appropriate fees. The department may  
15 periodically verify the (~~one hundred~~) fifty percent rate as provided  
16 in subsection (4) of this section.

17 Any person who has been issued free motor vehicle license plates  
18 under this section prior to July 1, 1983, shall continue to be eligible  
19 for the annual free license plates.

20 For the purposes of this section, "blind" means the definition of  
21 "blind" used by the state of Washington in determining eligibility for  
22 financial assistance to the blind under Title 74 RCW.

23 Any unauthorized use of a special plate is a gross misdemeanor.

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