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By Representatives Mielke, Orcutt, Boldt, McMahan, Pearson, Ahern, Benson, Sullivan and Campbell

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1            AN ACT Relating to veterans' license plates; and amending RCW  
2 73.04.110.

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

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

6            Any person who is a veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.005 who submits  
7 to the department of licensing satisfactory proof of a service-  
8 connected disability rating from the veterans administration or the  
9 military service from which the veteran was discharged and:

- 10            (1) Has lost the use of both hands or one foot;
- 11            (2) Was captured and incarcerated for more than twenty-nine days by  
12 an enemy of the United States during a period of war with the United  
13 States;
- 14            (3) Has become blind in both eyes as the result of military  
15 service; or
- 16            (4) Is rated by the veterans administration or the military service  
17 from which the veteran was discharged and is receiving service-  
18 connected compensation at the one hundred percent rate that is expected  
19 to exist for more than one year;

1 is entitled to regular or special license plates issued by the  
2 department of licensing. The special license plates shall bear  
3 distinguishing marks, letters, or numerals indicating that the motor  
4 vehicle is owned by a disabled veteran or former prisoner of war. This  
5 license shall be issued annually for one personal use vehicle without  
6 payment of any license fees or excise tax thereon. Whenever any person  
7 who has been issued license plates under the provisions of this section  
8 applies to the department for transfer of the plates to a subsequently  
9 acquired motor vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be charged  
10 in addition to all other appropriate fees. The department may  
11 periodically verify the one hundred percent rate as provided in  
12 subsection (4) of this section.

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

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

19 For purposes of this section, "personal use vehicle" means any  
20 vehicle used solely for personal purposes, including vehicles subject  
21 to RCW 46.16.070 if the vehicle is not used for commercial purposes.

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

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