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SENATE BILL 6143

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By Senators Kastama, Winsley, Oke, Franklin, Rasmussen and Schmidt

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1            AN ACT Relating to determining eligibility for veteran's regular or  
2 special license plates; and amending RCW 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))  
7 41.04.007 who submits to the department of licensing satisfactory proof  
8 of a service-connected disability rating from the veterans  
9 administration or the military service from which the veteran was  
10 discharged and:

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

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

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

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

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

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