
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6638

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Rasmussen, Winsley, Benton and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the issuance of license plates to prisoners of
2 war; 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 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~~
12 ~~days~~) twenty-four hours by an enemy of the United States during a
13 period of war with the United 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 Any unauthorized use of a special plate is a gross misdemeanor.

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