

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1197

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GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES--VEHICLE FEES AND TAXES

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Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

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President of the Senate

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1197** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

Chief Clerk

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May 1, 2019

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Irwin, Lovick, Barkis, Reeves, Blake, Ortiz-Self, Ormsby, Valdez, Bergquist, Mead, Fey, Volz, Chapman, Pellicciotti, Kilduff, Dolan, Sells, Maycumber, Shea, Griffey, Leavitt, and Stanford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to gold star license plates; and amending RCW
2 46.18.245.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.245 and 2017 c 24 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A registered owner who is an eligible family member of a
7 member of the United States armed forces who died while in service to
8 his or her country, or as a result of his or her service, may apply
9 to the department for special gold star license plates for use on a
10 motor vehicle. The registered owner must:

11 (a) Be a resident of this state;

12 (b) Provide proof to the satisfaction of the department that the
13 registered owner is an eligible family member, which includes:

14 (i) A widow;

15 (ii) A widower;

16 (iii) A biological parent;

17 (iv) An adoptive parent;

18 (v) A stepparent;

19 (vi) An adult in loco parentis or foster parent;

20 (vii) A biological child;

21 (viii) An adopted child; or

1 (ix) A sibling;

2 (c) Provide certification from the Washington state department of
3 veterans affairs that the registered owner qualifies for the special
4 license plate under this section; and

5 (d) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on
6 which the gold star license plates will be displayed(~~;~~and

7 ~~(e) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, pay all~~
8 ~~fees and taxes required by law for registering the motor vehicle).~~

9 (2) (~~(a) In addition to the license plate fee exemption in~~
10 ~~subsection (3)(b) of this section, the widow or widower recipient of~~
11 ~~a gold star license plate under this section is also exempt from~~
12 ~~annual vehicle registration fees for one personal use motor vehicle.~~

13 ~~(b))~~ In lieu of applying for a gold star license plate under
14 this section, an eligible widow or widower under subsection (1)(b) of
15 this section may apply for a standard issue license plate or any
16 qualifying special license plate for one personal use motor vehicle
17 and be exempt from (~~both~~) payment of annual vehicle registration
18 fees, motor vehicle excise taxes, and license plate fees for that
19 vehicle.

20 (3) (a) For a widow, a widower, a biological parent, an adoptive
21 parent, a stepparent, or an adult in loco parentis or foster parent
22 applicant, a gold star license plate(§) must be issued:

23 (~~(a))~~ (i) Only for motor vehicles owned by qualifying
24 applicants; and

25 (~~(b))~~ (ii) Without payment of any vehicle license fees, license
26 plate fees, and motor vehicle excise taxes for one motor vehicle. For
27 other motor vehicles, a qualified widow, a widower, a biological
28 parent, an adoptive parent, a stepparent, or an adult in loco
29 parentis or foster parent applicant may purchase gold star license
30 plates without payment of any license plate fees, but the applicant
31 must pay all other fees and taxes required by law for registering the
32 motor vehicle.

33 (b) For a biological child, an adopted child, or a sibling
34 applicant, a gold star license plate must be issued:

35 (i) Only for motor vehicles owned by qualifying applicants; and

36 (ii) Without payment of any license plate fees but the applicant
37 must pay all other fees and taxes required by law for registering the
38 motor vehicle.

1 (4) Gold star license plates must be replaced, free of charge, if
2 the license plates become lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or
3 destroyed.

4 (5) Gold star license plates may be transferred from one motor
5 vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the eligible family member,
6 as described in subsection (1) of this section, upon application to
7 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed
8 by the director.

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