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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill allows special license plates issued to veterans to be retained by the veteran's surviving spouse upon the veteran's death. Under present law only a veteran is entitled to put these plates onto a motor vehicle. The bill extends to all veterans plates a feature that already exists for special plates issued to ex-POWs.

- 1 Surviving spouses of veterans.** Allows special license plates issued to veterans to be issued to a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse after the death of the veteran to whom they were originally issued. Allows the plates to be transferred to another vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

This provision applies to special plates issued to veterans of world wars I and II, the Vietnam war, the Korean war, the Gulf war, the Laos war, and to combat-wounded veterans and Pearl Harbor survivors.

- 2 Surviving spouses of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.** Makes the same provision as in section 1 for special plates issued to recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.