

Subject Purple Heart special license plate

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Overview

This bill modifies a special license plate for Purple Heart medal recipients, so that:

- there is no fee imposed for the plate, including for annual validation stickers and for plate transfers;
- the plate can be personalized;
- the applicant does not have to have been honorably discharged (and active service members continue to be eligible); and
- the plate is no longer offered for noncommercial one-ton pickup trucks.

It also makes technical and conforming changes to codify the special plate in a new section of statutes. The changes are effective August 1, 2020.

Summary

Section	Description
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| 1 | Personalized plates; rules.
Allows personalization of Purple Heart special license plates. Establishes that there is no fee for plate replacement of the plates. |
| 2 | Design.
Eliminates Purple Heart plate design and eligibility requirements from a section on various veterans plates, which is substantially reproduced in section 3. |
| 3 | [168.1245] Special plates for Purple Heart recipients.
Creates a separate section authorizing Purple Heart special license plates. Provides for plate eligibility, design, application, and issuance as well as transfers free of charge. |

Subd. 1. Issuance and design. Sets qualification requirements to obtain the plate and identifies the plate design.

Section	Description
	<p>Subd. 2. Application. Limits application for plates to the times of initial registration or renewal. Requires distribution of information on proof of eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Subd. 3. No fee. Provides the plates and annual validation stickers free of charge, including for plate replacement.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Transfer. Allows the plates to be transferred to another personal vehicle that is registered to the same person, on notice to the Department of Public Safety.</p>
4	<p>Discontinuance of plate. Makes a conforming change.</p>



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