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Title "An Act relating to registration and licensee fees.." RDU Division of Motor Vehicles
Component Motor Vehicles
Sponsor (H) Special Committee MVA
Requester (H) Special Committee MVA Component No. 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 Rcpt Svcs	5.0					
TOTAL	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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The one time contractual cost will provide necessary programming changes for the sale of the Purple Heart plate. Also registration and registration renewal fee changes of vehicles owned by CMoH recipients.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to motor vehicle registration plates and fees for Purple Heart
2 recipients and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; and providing for an effective
3 date."

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 * Section 1. AS 28.10.181(l) is amended to read:

6 (l) Vehicles owned by Pearl Harbor survivors, [AND] former prisoners of war,
7 and Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. The department, upon receipt of
8 written proof, shall issue without charge special registration plates for one
9 noncommercial motor vehicle to a person who was on active military duty in Pearl
10 Harbor on December 7, 1941, [OR] who has been a prisoner of war during a declared
11 war or other conflict, as determined by the Department of Defense under federal
12 regulations, or who is the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The
13 design and color of the Pearl Harbor survivor, [OR] prisoner of war, or Congressional
14 Medal of Honor recipient plates shall be solely within the discretion of the

1 commissioner.

2 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.421(d)(2) is amended to read:

3 (2) special request plates for

4 (A) Alaska National Guard personnel \$30;

5 (B) veterans or retired veterans \$30;

6 (C) recipients of the Purple Heart none [\$30];

7 (D) owners of custom collector vehicles \$50;

8 (E) other special request plates \$30;

9 plus the fee required for that vehicle under (b) of this section; the fee required
10 by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first issuance and on the
11 replacement of special request plates;

12 * Sec. 3. AS 28.10.421(d)(11) is amended to read:

13 (11) a vehicle owned by a Pearl Harbor survivor, [OR] a former
14 prisoner of war, or a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor none;

15 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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HB 245 **Veterans' and POW's Vehicle Fees/Taxes**

Sponsor Statement

This bill will allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue special registration plates for one noncommercial motor vehicle to a person who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The bill waives any vehicle registration or license plate fees for the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and to a current prisoner of war or the spouse of a current prisoner of war.

Finally the bill waives the \$30.00 license plate fee for Purple Heart recipients who wish to obtain a specialized Purple Heart license plate for their vehicle. However the recipients of the Purple Heart will still have to pay any vehicle registration fees.

Sectional Analysis

Section 1 Amends AS.28.10.181 (l) to include current prisoners of war, and spouses of prisoners of war.

Section 2 Amends AS 28.10.181 by adding a new subsection (x) which authorizes the department to design a Congressional Medal of Honor plate.

Section 3 Amends AS 28.10.421 (d) (2) by deleting the \$30.00 license plate fee Purple Heart license plates.

Section 4 Amends AS 28.10.421 (d)(11) to exempt current prisoner of war, or the spouse of a current prisoner of war from paying vehicle registration fees.

Section 5 Amends AS 28.10.421 (d) to exempt Congressional Medal of Honor recipients from fees.

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

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REPORT NUMBER 05.264

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE PROVISIONS FOR RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART

PREPARED FOR REPRESENTATIVE MAX GRUENBERG

BY PATRICIA YOUNG, MANAGER

You wished to know the number of states with vehicle registration and licensing laws that take note of recipients of the Purple Heart, the decoration awarded to members of the armed forces wounded or killed in action against enemy forces. You also wished to know if such states waive or reduce the fees associated with vehicle registration or issuance of plates.

The attached table shows the results of our search of state laws on LEXIS. As you will see, we identified 46 states offering special license plates to Purple Heart recipients.¹ Among these, it appears that five states waive all fees, while an additional seven states waive fees for specialty plates only.² The majority of the 46 states appear to require the regular fees, and many require additional fees.

I hope you find this information to be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

¹ Additional states may have laws of similar practical application but worded such that our query did not identify them.

² We note that states' vehicle registration and licensing codes are often far from concise. As a result, ascertaining how the various costs an individual who qualifies for a particular type of special plate compare with the costs for non-qualifying individuals is frequently challenging. For this reason, the details provided on costs in the identified states may not be definitive. We note that vehicle licensing and registration laws addressing recipients of the Purple Heart tend to differ from the majority of those addressing former prisoners of war or recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor in both succinctness and liberality.

Alabama	applicable ad valorem taxes but no fee for plates (also unmarried surviving spouse) regular registration fee plus \$30 (at issuance) regular registration fee plus \$25 at issuance and \$5 in subsequent years regular registration and licensing fees, but free special plate (also unmarried surviving spouse) regular fees; surviving spouse may retain plates
Alaska	
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	no charge regular registration fee plus \$10 administrative fee upon application regular license tax for recipient & unmarried surviving spouse regular registration fee plus \$25; exempt from ad valorem taxes on vehicles regular cost plus fee
Delaware	
Florida	
Georgia	
Hawaii	
Idaho	regular registration fee plus plate fee of \$3 (also surviving spouse) regular registration fee regular fees regular annual registration fee plus \$25. regular registration fee
Illinois	
Indiana	
Iowa	
Kansas	
Kentucky	initial registration fees of \$20; renewal registration fees of \$12 no fee for special plates (also for unmarried surviving spouse) regular fee (also for unmarried surviving spouse) no charge; unmarried surviving spouse at regular fee plus \$20 \$5 service fee
Louisiana	
Maine	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	regular charges plus \$10 fee \$15 fee for first tag; second at regular charges plus \$15 fee (also for unmarried surviving spouse) regular fee plus one-time charge equal to fee for personalized plates regular fees plus \$10 veterans' cemetery fee; if 50% or more disabled, no fees regular fees plus \$5
Mississippi	
Missouri	
Montana	
Nebraska	
Nevada	regular registration and license fees regular registration and number plate fees regular fees no charge regular registration, but no service charge for plates
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Carolina	regular registration fee regular charges regular registration plus \$8 specialty plate fee regular fees, plus specialty plate fees up to \$5.50 per plate regular fees
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Rhode Island	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse) regular fees (registration plus \$30 personalized plate charge) but exempt from municipal parking meter fees regular registration fee but no charge for license fees for plates or renewal stickers regular registration fee plus a charge upon issuance equal to actual cost of plate manufacture no registration fee, but \$3 plate fee (also unmarried surviving spouse)
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Tennessee	
Texas	
Utah	regular fees, plus \$5 fee for issuance regular registration fee, but no charge for special plates regular fees, plus one-time fee of \$10 (also for unmarried surviving spouse) no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse) regular fees plus \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance regular registration fee, but no charge for special plates
Vermont	
Virginia	
West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	
Total	46

NOTES: Additional states may have laws of similar practical application but worded such that our query did not identify them.
Some states lower or waive fees if the Purple Heart recipient also qualifies for senior, disabled, or disabled veterans status.
Vehicle registration and licensing codes are often far from concise. As a result, ascertaining how the various costs an individual who qualifies for a particular type of special plate compare with the costs for non-qualifying individuals is frequently challenging. For this reason, details on costs may not be considered definitive.

SOURCES: State Statutes on LEXIS

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

APRIL 13, 2005



REPORT NUMBER 05.252

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE PROVISIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS AND PRISONERS OF WAR

PREPARED FOR REPRESENTATIVE BOB LYNN

BY PATRICIA YOUNG, MANAGER

You wished to know the number of states that offer free vehicle registration or license plates to recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. You also wished to know the number of states that provide similarly for current prisoners of war or their spouses.

The attached table shows the results of our search of state laws on LEXIS. As you will see, we identified 31 states that offer special license plates to Medal of Honor recipients. Of these, all but one waive registration fees and provide such plates without charge or at a reduced rate. Four also specify that a recipient's surviving spouse is eligible for the plates.

We identified 40 states, including Alaska, that offer special license plates to former prisoners of war. All but seven waive registration fees and provide the plates without charge or at a reduced rate. Twenty-nine specify that a prisoner's surviving spouse is also eligible.

Although some address persons missing in action, *none of the state laws we identified address current prisoners of war or their spouses.*¹

I hope you find this information to be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

¹ Some states define "prisoner of war" narrowly: Georgia law, for example, defines the term as a veteran who was held by enemy forces while serving in the U.S. military in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. In a number of states, however, the term is defined more broadly. Alabama law, for example defines the term as a person who, as a member of the U.S. armed forces, or while serving with a formal U.S. ally force, or as a U.S. civilian, was held . . . during "any armed conflict by forces hostile to the United States." Provisions for current prisoners would likely require a similarly broad definition.

Vehicle Registration and License Plate Provisions for Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients and Former Prisoners of War

State	Medal of Honor Recipient	Prisoners of War
Alabama	no charge	no charge
Alaska		no charge
Arkansas	no charge	\$1 per year; surviving spouse at regular fees
California	no charge	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Colorado	no charge	no charge
Connecticut	no charge (also for surviving spouse)	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Delaware	regular charges + \$10 admin fee	regular fees + \$10 admin fee
Florida	no charge	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse);
Georgia	no charge	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
Idaho	no charge	regular fees, POW and unmarried surviving spouse
Illinois	no charge	no charge (or to unmarried surviving spouse)
Indiana		no charge (also surviving spouse)
Iowa	annual \$15 fee (also for surviving spouse)	annual \$15 fee, POW and surviving spouse
Kansas	no charge	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Kentucky	no charge	no charge; surviving spouse, \$17 fee
Louisiana	no charge	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Massachusetts	no charge, surviving spouse at regular fee + \$20	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Michigan	no charge	\$5 service fee, POW or surviving spouse
Minnesota	no charge	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Mississippi	no charge (also for unmarried surviving spouse)	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
Missouri	special plates, (unclear as to charge)	no charge (also surviving spouse)
Montana		no charge (also surviving spouse)
Nebraska		regular fees + \$5
Nevada	no charge for registration, regular fee for specialty plates	regular fees, but parking privileges (no fees or fines)
New Jersey	no charge	regular fees, but no charge for specialty plates, POW and surviving spouse
New York	no charge	no charge (also surviving spouse)
North Carolina	no charge	no charge
North Dakota		\$5 fee for plates, POW or unmarried surviving spouse
Ohio	no charge	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
Oklahoma	no charge	fee for specialty plates only, POW and unmarried surviving spouse
Oregon		regular fees, POW or surviving spouse
Pennsylvania	no charge except \$10 processing fee	no charge
Rhode Island		no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
South Carolina	no charge and parking privileges (no fees or fines)	no charge (also surviving spouse)
South Dakota	no charge	regular charge + \$10 fee, POW
Tennessee	no charge	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
Vermont		no charge (also surviving spouse)
Washington	no charge	no charge (also unmarried surviving spouse)
West Virginia	no charge	no charge
Wyoming		no charge
Totals	31	40

NOTES: All of the states we identified as addressing prisoners of war refer specifically to former prisoners of war, none address current prisoners of war or their spouses
SOURCES: State Statutes on LEXIS



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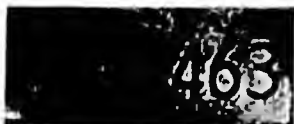
Prisoner of War & Personalized Veteran's Plates

In a measure to honor persons who have served or are serving with United States Armed Forces, the State Legislature has designated several special license plates for veterans, recipients of the Purple Heart Medal, and veterans who have been a Prisoner of War (POW) or who are survivors of Pearl Harbor. There is a \$30.00 plate fee charged at the time of initial application for or replacement of veteran's plates, National Guard plates and Purple Heart plates. There is no charge for POW and Pearl Harbor Survivor plates.

The Veteran's, Purple Heart and National Guard plates are available at most DMV offices. Applicants for the Prisoner of War and Pearl Harbor Survivor plates may obtain application forms at any field office and send their applications to the Division of Motor Vehicles address shown at the bottom of this page.

In order to apply for these special plates, an applicant must provide the following verification:

Applicants for Veteran's plates must submit proof they have served or are currently serving with a branch of the United States Armed Forces. Acceptable proof of service include copies of discharge papers, (DD Form 214), a letter of verification from the Veteran's Administration, Military Identification card or other comparable proof of service. Veteran's plates may be used on non-commercial vehicles and motorcycles only. In addition to the following plates, Unit Designator Personalized Veteran Plates are also available. Contact George Gaguzis at 907-269-5559 for further information on Unit Designator Vet Plates. A brochure showing samples of the new personalized Vet plates can be obtained at a DMV office.



Air Force



Army



Coast Guard



Marine

**Navy**

Applicants for **National Guard plates**, must show they are active members of the Alaska National Guard. Acceptable proof of service is the official National Guard identification card. The plates may only be issued to a passenger vehicle, non-commercial van, pick-up truck, or motor home owned solely or jointly by the active member of the National Guard.

**National Guard**

Applicants for **Purple Heart plates** must show acceptable proof by providing a copy of official documentation of the Purple Heart Award to DMV. The DD Form 214 is one document that may contain this information as would a copy of orders awarding the Purple Heart Medal. Each applicant is entitled to Purple Heart Plates for use on a non-commercial vehicle.

**Purple Heart**

Applicants for **Prisoner of War plates** must provide written verification from the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs that they were POWs. Each applicant may obtain one set of POW plates, free of charge, for display on a non-commercial vehicle.

**Prisoner of War**

The following items are to be submitted to DMV when requesting any of these plates:

- Proof of service, current service or other proof as shown above
- Vehicle Transaction Application (vehicle registered in your name) or Application for Title & Registration (New or transfer vehicles)
- Statement on application as to what is being requested (Comments or Affidavit)
- \$30.00, if applicable (See above)
- Copy of registration for vehicle the plates are being requested for.
- Application for Personalized Veteran Plates. (Not required for POW, PHS or Purple Heart plates.)

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