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SENATE BILL NO. 151

Introduced by: Senators Adelstein, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Haverly, Miles, Nelson, and Tieszen and Representatives Van Gerpen, Dreyer, Lederman, Nygaard, and Pitts

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a special motor vehicle license plate for
2 parents of members of the United States Armed Forces who died while in service of this
3 country.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
6 follows:

7 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who is a parent of a member of the United States
8 Armed Forces who died while in service to this country or who died as a result of the service,
9 as certified by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, may apply to the secretary to
10 receive a maximum of two sets of special license plates which honor the parent as a gold star
11 parent. Each application shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary and shall include the
12 certification from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The special plates shall be
13 numbered and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary indicating that the owner is
14 a gold star parent. The special plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special



1 license plate shall be reflectorized and validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as
2 a noncommercial license plate. No license fees may be charged for the special plates and its
3 renewal stickers, and any annual vehicle registration fees or other fees associated with the plates
4 and renewal stickers are waived. If it is determined that the owner does not qualify for the
5 special plates, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence.
6 The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration
7 file. The special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon the owner's death, but may
8 not be displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates or renewal stickers. Failure
9 to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.