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## SENATE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED NO. **SB 113** - 2/6/2012

Introduced by: Senators Nelson (Tom), Lederman, Peters, Putnam, and Tieszen and  
Representatives Cronin, Abdallah, Kirkeby, Rozum, Solum, Turbiville, and  
Verchio

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for  
2 recipients of the silver star medal and recipients of the bronze star medal.

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

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

6 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the silver star medal and has a valid  
7 South Dakota driver license may apply to the secretary to receive special license plates which  
8 honor the person as a recipient of the silver star medal. Each application shall be on a form  
9 prescribed by the secretary and shall include the certification from the Department of Veterans  
10 Affairs. The special plates shall be numbered and contain a symbol to be determined by the  
11 secretary indicating that the owner is a recipient of the silver star medal. The special plates shall  
12 be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and  
13 validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In  
14 addition to the noncommercial license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be



1 charged for the initial issuance of the special license plates. If it is determined that the owner  
2 does not qualify for the special plates, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of  
3 the applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary  
4 changes in the registration file. The special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon  
5 the owner's death, but may not be displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates  
6 or renewal stickers. Failure to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is  
7 a Class 2 misdemeanor.

8 Section 2. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
9 follows:

10 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the bronze star medal and has a  
11 valid South Dakota driver license may apply to the secretary to receive special license plates  
12 which honor the person as a recipient of the bronze star medal. Each application shall be on a  
13 form prescribed by the secretary and shall include the certification from the Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs. The special plates shall be numbered and contain a symbol to be determined  
15 by the secretary indicating that the owner is a recipient of the bronze star medal. The special  
16 plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized  
17 and validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In  
18 addition to the noncommercial license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be  
19 charged for the initial issuance of the special license plates. If it is determined that the owner  
20 does not qualify for the special plates, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of  
21 the applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary  
22 changes in the registration file. The special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon  
23 the owner's death, but may not be displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates  
24 or renewal stickers. Failure to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is

1 a Class 2 misdemeanor.