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HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

Introduced by: Representatives Solum, Conzet, Craig, Cronin, Erickson, Gosch, Greenfield, Haggar (Don), Haggar (Jenna), Hansen, Hickey, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Kaiser, Kirschman, Kopp, Lust, Magstadt, Munsterman, Nelson, Olson (Betty), Otten (Herman), Rounds, Schaefer, Schoenfish, Sly, Steele, Tulson, Verchio, and Wink and Senators Holien, Frerichs, Kirkeby, and Lederman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding special motor vehicle
2 license plates for veterans with disabilities.

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

4 Section 1. That § 32-5-108 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-5-108. Any resident veteran owner of a motor vehicle who has received the United States
6 Veterans' Administration K Award, meets the qualifications established by Public Law 187 of
7 the Eighty-second Congress for a veteran to receive an automobile, or a veteran who has been
8 rated as in receipt of a statutory benefit for loss or loss of use of one or more extremities, or a
9 veteran who receives a veteran's allotment for a total disability ~~under compensation which is~~
10 ~~considered a service-connected injury~~, upon application to the department shall receive a
11 maximum of two sets of special license plates for any automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed
12 pursuant to § 32-5-5 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant to § 32-5-9. The veteran may choose to
13 use one of the two sets of plates on a noncommercial motor vehicle that is a pickup truck and



1 that weighs more than six thousand pounds licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.3 or a motor home
2 licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1. The veteran shall pay the regular license fees set out in §§ 32-5-
3 6.3 and 32-5-6.1 and may not be required to pay the ten dollars for the special plates and
4 renewal stickers. The special plates shall be displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The design of
5 the license plate shall consist of a white background bordered on the left by a blue field with
6 white stars and on the right by alternating red and white stripes. The words, Disabled Veteran,
7 shall be inscribed on the plate in blue, in at least ten point bold type. The license plate shall be
8 reflectorized and validated each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial
9 license plate. License fees for the special plates shall be ten dollars for the plates and the
10 renewal stickers. No license fee or sticker fee pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9 may be charged
11 to the veteran. The fees shall be deposited in the license plate special revenue fund.

12 In order to qualify for a special license plate pursuant to this section, a veteran shall, in
13 addition to meeting the qualifications established in the first paragraph, have incurred ~~disabling~~
14 ~~injuries~~ the disability while serving the United States in active duty during a time of war or
15 while participating in a military mission involving armed conflict. If it is determined that the
16 veteran owner does not qualify for the special plates or if the veteran owner dies, the plates shall
17 be surrendered to the county treasurer of applicant's residence. The treasurer shall notify the
18 secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration file. Failure to surrender the
19 special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.