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## SENATE BILL NO. 135

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-743 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates; Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-743 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 46.2-743. Special license plates for members of the Virginia Defense Force, certain veterans, and active duty members of the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force; fees.**

A. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is an honorably discharged former member of one of the armed forces of the United States, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

B. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, *can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled and that his disability is service-connected and has been honorably discharged from*, or has retired from the United States Marine Corps, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Marine Corps. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.

C. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, *can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled and that his disability is service-connected and has been honorably discharged from*, or has retired from the United States Army, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Army.

D. ~~On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United States Navy, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Navy~~ *On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled and that his disability is service-connected and has been honorably discharged from, or has retired from the United States Navy, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Navy.*

E. ~~On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, or has retired from the United States Air Force, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Air Force~~ *On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled and that his disability is service-connected and has been honorably discharged from, or has retired from the United States Air Force, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Air Force.*

F. *On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is on active duty with, has been honorably discharged after at least six months of active duty service in, can provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicating that the applicant has been designated disabled and that his disability is service-connected and has been honorably discharged from, or has retired from the United States Coast Guard, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates whose design incorporates an emblem of the United States Coast Guard. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection.*

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59 G. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of World War II,  
60 the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of World War II. For each set of license  
61 plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of  
62 state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

63 ~~G.~~ H. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Korean  
64 War, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of the Korean War.

65 ~~H.~~ I. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Vietnam  
66 War, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of the Vietnam War.

67 ~~I.~~ J. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the  
68 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of that  
69 campaign. For each set of license plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner shall charge, in  
70 addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are  
71 issued.

72 ~~J.~~ K. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation  
73 Iraqi Freedom, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of Operation Iraqi  
74 Freedom.

75 ~~K.~~ L. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation  
76 Enduring Freedom, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of Operation  
77 Enduring Freedom.

78 ~~L.~~ M. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of the  
79 Virginia Defense Force, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the Virginia  
80 Defense Force.

81 ~~M.~~ N. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation  
82 Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans  
83 of those military operations.

84 ~~N.~~ O. The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates  
85 issued under this section except those issued under subsections B, C, D, E, and F G, H, J, K, L, M, and  
86 N.

87 **2. That all license plates issued pursuant to Chapter 669 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 prior to**  
88 **July 1, 2014, shall remain valid as though issued pursuant to § 46.2-743 as amended by this act.**

89 **3. That Chapter 669 of the Acts of Assembly of 2007 is repealed.**