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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-742.4, 46.2-743, 46.2-744, 46.2-746.2:2, 46.2-746.2:3, 46.2-746.2:4, 46.2-746.2:6, 46.2-746.3, 46.2-746.4, 46.2-746.5, 46.2-746.6, 46.2-749.28, and 46.2-749.46 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates for certain veterans; fees.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-742.4, 46.2-743, 46.2-744, 46.2-746.2:2, 46.2-746.2:3, 46.2-746.2:4, 46.2-746.2:6, 46.2-746.3, 46.2-746.4, 46.2-746.5, 46.2-746.6, 46.2-749.28, and 46.2-749.46 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-742.4. Special license plates for persons awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-743. Special license plates for active duty members of the armed forces of the United States and certain veterans; 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, 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, 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 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.

E. All special license plates that have been developed and issued pursuant to subsection B, C, or D shall also be issued to applicants who 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 that he has been honorably discharged from a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

61 K. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of Operation
62 Enduring Freedom, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of Operation
63 Enduring Freedom.

64 L. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of the Virginia
65 Defense Force, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the Virginia Defense
66 Force.

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

70 N. The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued
71 under subsections F, G, H, J, K, L, and M.

72 O. *For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in*
73 *addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are*
74 *issued.*

75 **§ 46.2-744. Special license plates for members of National Guard; fees.**

76 On receipt of an application and written confirmation that the applicant is a member of the National
77 Guard, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

78 The fee for license plates issued under this section to members of the National Guard units shall be
79 one-half the fee prescribed in § 46.2-694, unless the plates bear reserved numbers or letters as provided
80 for in § 46.2-726. In this latter case, the fee for the issuance of license plates shall be the same as for
81 those issued under ~~§ 46.2-726~~ *Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state*
82 *license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.*

83 The fee for members of non-Virginia National Guard units shall be ~~ten dollars per year~~ *a one-time*
84 *fee of \$10* plus the prescribed cost for state license plates; ~~unless the plates bear reserved numbers or~~
85 ~~letters as provided for in § 46.2-726.~~ In this latter case, such license plates shall be subject to an
86 additional charge of ten dollars per year for the reserved numbers or letters.

87 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
88 plates issued under this section.

89 **§ 46.2-746.2:2. Special license plates; members and former members of the 173rd Airborne**
90 **Brigade.**

91 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
92 member or former member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant
93 special license plates.

94 The provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license
95 plates issued under this section.

96 No license plates shall be issued under this section unless and until a one-time fee of \$3,500 shall
97 have been paid to the Commissioner.

98 *For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition*
99 *to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.*

100 **§ 46.2-746.2:3. Members and former members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard).**

101 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
102 member or former member of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard), the Commissioner shall issue
103 special license plates to members and former members of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Old Guard).

104 *For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition*
105 *to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.*

106 **§ 46.2-746.2:4. Members of the Special Forces Association; fee.**

107 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
108 member of the Special Forces Association, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license
109 plates.

110 The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under
111 this section.

112 No license plates provided for in this section shall be issued unless and until the Commissioner
113 receives at least 50 prepaid applications therefor and payment of a one-time fee of \$3,500, less the total
114 amount of \$10 annual fees collected from the prepaid applications received.

115 *For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition*
116 *to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.*

117 **§ 46.2-746.2:6. Special license plates; members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United**
118 **States organization.**

119 On receipt of an application therefor and presentation of written evidence that the applicant is a
120 member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States organization, the Commissioner shall

issue special license plates to the applicant.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-746.3. Special license plates for members of certain military reserve organizations.

The Commissioner, on application therefor, shall issue special license plates to members of the Air Force Reserve, the Army Reserve, the Coast Guard Reserve, the Marine Reserve, and the Naval Reserve. Such special license plates may, when feasible, bear decals or stickers identifying the reserve organization of which the applicant is a member.

The provisions of subdivision B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under this section.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-746.4. Special license plates for members of certain military veterans' organizations.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of any of the following military veterans' organizations, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to the members of the following organizations: the Legion of Valor of the USA, the Marine Corps League, the Retired Officers Association, the Veterans of the Battle of Iwo Jima, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and 2 of subsection B of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued to members of the Legion of Valor of the USA under this section.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-746.5. Special license plates for National Guard retirees; fees.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a retired member of the National Guard, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to National Guard retirees.

The fee for license plates issued under this section to retired members of the Virginia National Guard shall be the fee prescribed in § 46.2-694, unless the plates bear reserved numbers or letters as provided for in § 46.2-726. In this latter case, ~~the fee for the issuance of license plates shall be the same as for those issued under § 46.2-726~~ the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued. The fee for non-Virginia National Guard retirees shall be ~~ten dollars per year~~ a one-time fee of \$10 plus the prescribed cost for state license plates, unless the plates bear reserved numbers or letters as provided for in § 46.2-726. In this latter case, such license plates shall be subject to an additional charge of ten dollars per year for the reserved numbers or letters.

§ 46.2-746.6. Special license plates for members of certain volunteer search and rescue organizations.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the following organizations: the Civil Air Patrol, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and any other volunteer search and rescue organization.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-749.28. Special license plates; Oceana Naval Air Station.

On receipt of an application therefor, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates bearing the legend: OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.

§ 46.2-749.46. Special license plates; naval aviators.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is or has been a naval aviator, the Commissioner shall issue to the applicant special license plates.

For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, a one-time fee of \$10 at the time the plates are issued.