

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2009 SESSION

CHAPTER 679

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-743 and 46.2-749.5 of the Code of Virginia and to repeal Chapters 432 and 634 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008, relating to special license plates for veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, members of the Virginia State Defense Force, supporters of the Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital Foundation, and supporters of the National D-Day Memorial Foundation.

[H 2534]

Approved March 30, 2009

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-743 and 46.2-749.5 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-743. Special license plates for members of the Virginia State Defense Force 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 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.

E. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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.

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

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

J. *On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a member of the Virginia State Defense Force, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to members of the Virginia State Defense Force.*

K. The provisions of subdivisions B 1 and B 2 of § 46.2-725 shall not apply to license plates issued under subsection A, D, E, F, ~~or~~ H, I, or J of this section.

§ 46.2-749.5. Special license plates celebrating Virginia's tobacco heritage.

A. On receipt of an application, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates celebrating Virginia's tobacco heritage. For each set of license plates issued under this section, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of ten dollars.

B. *License plates may be issued under this section for display on vehicles registered as trucks, as that term is defined in § 46.2-100, provided that no license plates are issued pursuant to this section for (i) vehicles operated for hire; (ii) vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan, or (iii) vehicles registered as tow trucks or tractor trucks as defined in § 46.2-100. No permanent license plates without decals as authorized in subsection B of § 46.2-712 may be issued under this section. For each set of truck license plates issued under this subsection, the Commissioner shall charge, in addition to*

the prescribed cost of state license plates, an annual fee of \$25.

2. That Chapters 432 and 634 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 are repealed.