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26 27 **HOUSE BILL NO. 1797**

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-742.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates; certain military declarations; fees.

Patrons-Walker, Avoli, Byron, Davis, Fowler, LaRock, Marshall, Runion, Wiley and Wyatt

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-742.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-742.1. Special license plates for persons awarded the Bronze Star, Bronze Star with a "V" for valor, or the Silver Star; fee.

On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant has been awarded a Bronze Star, Bronze Star with a "V" for valor, or Silver Star Medal, 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.-No fee shall be charged for license plates issued under this section to any one motor vehicle owned and used personally by any applicant. For each additional set of license plates issued to an applicant under this section, the Commissioner shall charge the prescribed fee for state license plates.

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

The design of license plates issued under this section to persons who have been awarded multiple decorations shall reflect the number of such decorations.

Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this section may also be issued special license plates under this section.