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SENATE BILL NO. 212

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-743 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates; United States Navy; Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund.

Patrons—Kiggans, DeSteph, Cosgrove and McClellan; Delegates: Greenhalgh and McGuire

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 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. *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. Unremarried surviving spouses of persons eligible to receive special license plates under this subsection may also be issued special license plates under this subsection. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this subsection shall be \$25 in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this subsection, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and used to support its operation and programs in Virginia. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this subsection shall be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles and paid by him into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

F. All special license plates that have been developed and issued pursuant to subsection B, C, ~~or~~ D, ~~or~~ E 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.~~ G. 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.~~ H. 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.~~ I. On receipt of an application and written evidence that the applicant is a veteran of the Vietnam

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59 War, the Commissioner shall issue special license plates to veterans of the Vietnam War.

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

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

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

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

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

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