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 2 An act relating to military veterans; amending ss.
 3 1.01 and 295.125, F.S.; revising references from the
 4 "Korean Conflict" and the "Vietnam Era" to the "Korean
 5 War" and the "Vietnam War," respectively, and from
 6 "Korean Conflict Veteran" to "Korean War Veteran";
 7 reordering and amending s. 320.089, F.S.; authorizing
 8 the issuance of a Combat Medical Badge license plate;
 9 revising references; establishing a method of proof of
 10 eligibility for certain specialty license plates;
 11 providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15 Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 1.01, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 1.01 Definitions.—In construing these statutes and each
 18 and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will
 19 permit:

20 (14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in the
 21 active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or
 22 released ~~therefrom~~ under honorable conditions only or who later
 23 received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions,
 24 notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of
 25 Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with
 26 other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a
 27 wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or
 28 expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or a

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29 | ~~veteran must have served~~ during one of the following periods of
30 | wartime service:

31 | (a) Spanish-American War: April 21, 1898, to July 4, 1902,
32 | and including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer
33 | Rebellion.

34 | (b) Mexican Border Period: May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917,
35 | in the case of a veteran who during such period served in
36 | Mexico, on the borders of thereof, or in the waters adjacent to
37 | Mexico thereto.

38 | (c) World War I: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918;
39 | extended to April 1, 1920, for those veterans who served in
40 | Russia; also extended through July 1, 1921, for those veterans
41 | who served after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921,
42 | provided such veterans had at least 1 day of service between
43 | April 5, 1917, and November 12, 1918.

44 | (d) World War II: December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946.

45 | (e) Korean War Conflict: June 27, 1950, to January 31,
46 | 1955.

47 | (f) Vietnam War Era: February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.

48 | (g) Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, to January 2, 1992.

49 | (h) Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, and
50 | ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential
51 | proclamation or by law.

52 | (i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and ending on
53 | the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or
54 | by law.

55 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 295.125, Florida
56 | Statutes, is amended to read:

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57 | 295.125 Preference for admission to career training.—

58 | (2) In determining order of admission or acceptance for
59 | students, every career center or career program that ~~which~~
60 | receives state funding or support shall give preference as
61 | provided in subsection (3) to a person who served in the Armed
62 | Forces of the United States at any time during the Vietnam War
63 | ~~Era~~, as defined in s. 1.01(14), and who has been separated
64 | therefrom under honorable conditions, if such person's
65 | enrollment is directly related to his or her present employment
66 | or to his or her securing employment.

67 | Section 3. Section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is reordered
68 | and amended to read:

69 | 320.089 Members of National Guard ~~and active United States~~
70 | ~~Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war;~~ survivors of
71 | Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; active or retired
72 | United States Armed Forces reservists ~~Operation Desert Storm~~
73 | ~~Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Iraqi~~
74 | ~~Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans;~~ Combat Infantry
75 | Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge recipients;
76 | former prisoners of war; Korean War Veterans; Vietnam War
77 | Veterans; Operation Desert Shield Veterans; Operation Desert
78 | Storm Veterans; Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; and
79 | Operation Iraqi Freedom ~~Korean Conflict~~ Veterans; special
80 | license plates; fee.—

81 | (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
82 | private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.
83 | 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial
84 | use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired

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85 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack
 86 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, an
 87 active or retired member of any branch of the United States
 88 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry
 89 Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action Badge shall, upon
 90 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active
 91 membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard,
 92 proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or
 93 proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7,
 94 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, proof of
 95 active or retired membership in any branch of the Armed Forces
 96 Reserve, or proof of membership in the Combat Infantrymen's
 97 Association, Inc., or other proof of being a recipient of the
 98 Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Medical Badge, or Combat Action
 99 Badge, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as
 100 provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by
 101 s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed
 102 by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard,"
 103 "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," "U.S.
 104 Reserve," "Combat Infantry Badge," "Combat Medical Badge," or
 105 "Combat Action Badge," as appropriate, and a likeness of the
 106 related campaign medal or badge, followed by the serial number
 107 of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may
 108 have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the
 109 likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

110 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
 111 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually
 112 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from

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113 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be
 114 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described
 115 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law
 116 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated
 117 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State
 118 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,
 119 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for
 120 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

121 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,
 122 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a
 123 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled
 124 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the
 125 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license
 126 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

127 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
 128 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or
 129 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
 130 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident
 131 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their
 132 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor
 133 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.
 134 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"
 135 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be
 136 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications
 137 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

138 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member
 139 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of
 140 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a

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141 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United
142 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving
143 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in
144 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.
145 320.08.

146 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the
147 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a
148 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a
149 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the
150 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or
151 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special
152 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of
153 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

154 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
155 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or
156 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),
157 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident
158 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a
159 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application
160 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required
161 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on
162 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the
163 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial
164 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the
165 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of
166 the Purple Heart medal.

167 (4)~~(6)~~ The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
168 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a

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169 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
 170 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for
 171 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a
 172 current or former member of the United States Armed Forces
 173 ~~military~~, and who was deployed and served in Korea during the
 174 Korean War as defined in s. 1.01(14), ~~United States military~~
 175 ~~deployment in Korea~~ shall, upon application to the department,
 176 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty
 177 status during the Korean War ~~these operations~~, and upon payment
 178 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be
 179 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in
 180 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,
 181 shall be stamped the words "Korean War Veteran," and a likeness
 182 of the Korean Service Medal, ~~"Korean Conflict Veteran,"~~ followed
 183 by the registration license number of the plate. Proof that the
 184 applicant was awarded the Korean Service Medal is sufficient to
 185 establish eligibility for the license plate.

186 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
 187 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
 188 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
 189 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for
 190 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a
 191 current or former member of the United States military, and who
 192 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military
 193 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the
 194 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former
 195 active duty status during these operations, and, upon payment of
 196 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be

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197 | issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in
198 | lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,
199 | shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," and a likeness
200 | of the Vietnam Service Medal, followed by the registration
201 | license number of the plate. Proof that the applicant was
202 | awarded the Vietnam Service Medal is sufficient to establish
203 | eligibility for the license plate.

204 | ~~(6)-(4)~~ The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for
205 | private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a
206 | recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)
207 | which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for
208 | hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a
209 | current or former member of the United States military who was
210 | deployed and served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, or another area of
211 | the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield or Operation
212 | Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield; in Afghanistan during
213 | Operation Enduring Freedom; or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi
214 | Freedom; or in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom
215 | shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof
216 | of active membership or former active duty status during one of
217 | these operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the
218 | vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as
219 | provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration
220 | license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the
221 | words "Operation Desert Shield," "Operation Desert Storm,"
222 | "Operation Enduring Freedom," or "~~Operation Desert Shield,~~"
223 | "Operation Iraqi Freedom," or "~~Operation Enduring Freedom,~~" as
224 | appropriate, and a likeness of the related campaign medal

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225 followed by the registration license number of the plate. Proof
226 that the applicant was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
227 Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Global War
228 on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is sufficient to establish
229 eligibility for the appropriate license plate.

230 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.