

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 113

Introduced by: Senators Nelson (Tom), Lederman, Peters, Putnam, and Tieszen and  
Representatives Cronin, Abdallah, Kirkeby, Rozum, Solum, Turbiville, and  
Verchio

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for special motor vehicle license plates for  
2 recipients of the silver star medal and recipients of the bronze star medal.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the silver star medal may apply to  
7 the secretary to receive a maximum of two sets of special license plates which honor the person  
8 as a recipient of the silver star medal. Each application shall be on a form prescribed by the  
9 secretary and shall include the certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
10 special plates shall be numbered and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary  
11 indicating that the owner is a recipient of the silver star medal. The special plates shall be  
12 displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and validated  
13 each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In addition to the  
14 noncommercial license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be charged for the initial



1 issuance of the special license plates. If it is determined that the owner does not qualify for the  
2 special plates, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence.  
3 The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration  
4 file. The special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon the owner's death, but may  
5 not be displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates or renewal stickers. Failure  
6 to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

7 Section 2. That chapter 32-5 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
8 follows:

9 Any resident owner of a motor vehicle who has received the bronze star medal may apply  
10 to the secretary to receive a maximum of two sets of special license plates which honor the  
11 person as a recipient of the bronze star medal. Each application shall be on a form prescribed  
12 by the secretary and shall include the certification from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
13 special plates shall be numbered and contain a symbol to be determined by the secretary  
14 indicating that the owner is a recipient of the bronze star medal. The special plates shall be  
15 displayed as set forth in § 32-5-98. The special license plate shall be reflectorized and validated  
16 each year with a sticker in the same manner as a noncommercial license plate. In addition to the  
17 noncommercial license plate fees, an additional fee of ten dollars shall be charged for the initial  
18 issuance of the special license plates. If it is determined that the owner does not qualify for the  
19 special plates, the plates shall be surrendered to the county treasurer of the applicant's residence.  
20 The treasurer shall notify the secretary who shall make the necessary changes in the registration  
21 file. The special plates may be retained by the owner's family upon the owner's death, but may  
22 not be displayed on the vehicle beyond the expiration of the plates or renewal stickers. Failure  
23 to surrender the special license plates as required by this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.