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By Senators Rolfes, Dammeier, Conway, Benton, Chase, Billig, Ranker, and Hobbs

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1            AN ACT Relating to gold star license plates; and amending RCW  
2 46.18.245.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.245 and 2013 c 137 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) A registered owner who is an eligible family member of a  
7 member of the United States armed forces who died while in service to  
8 his or her country, or as a result of his or her service, may apply  
9 to the department for special gold star license plates for use on a  
10 motor vehicle. The registered owner must:

11            (a) Be a resident of this state;

12            (b) Provide proof to the satisfaction of the department that the  
13 registered owner is an eligible family member, which includes:

14            (i) A widow;

15            (ii) A widower;

16            (iii) A biological parent;

17            (iv) An adoptive parent;

18            (v) A stepparent;

19            (vi) An adult in loco parentis or foster parent;

20            (vii) A biological child; (~~or~~)

21            (viii) An adopted child; or

1        (ix) A sibling;

2        (c) Provide certification from the Washington state department of  
3 veterans affairs that the registered owner qualifies for the special  
4 license plate under this section;

5        (d) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on  
6 which the gold star license plates will be displayed; and

7        (e) Pay all fees and taxes required by law for registering the  
8 motor vehicle.

9        (2) Gold star license plates must be issued:

10       (a) Only for motor vehicles owned by qualifying applicants; and

11       (b) Without payment of any license plate fee.

12       (3) Gold star license plates must be replaced, free of charge, if  
13 the license plates become lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or  
14 destroyed.

15       (4) Gold star license plates may be transferred from one motor  
16 vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the eligible family member,  
17 as described in subsection (1) of this section, upon application to  
18 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed  
19 by the director.

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