

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0219

Decorated combat veterans-license plates.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Moniz, Brown, Cannady and Hunt

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing specialty
2 license plates for decorated combat veterans; granting
3 rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-2-230 is created to read:

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9 **31-2-230. Special plates; decorated combat veterans.**

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11 (a) A decorated combat veteran may apply to the
12 county treasurer for a decorated combat veteran license
13 plate to be placed on any motor vehicle that is not a
14 commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or leased
15 by the veteran upon registration of the vehicle. To

1 qualify for the decorated combat veteran license plate, the
2 applicant shall provide document proof of having received
3 the United States medal of honor, distinguished service
4 cross, Navy cross, Air Force cross, silver star,
5 distinguished flying cross or the bronze star for combat
6 duty in the armed service of the United States. A separate
7 decorated combat veteran license plate shall be available
8 for each of these types of service related honors and an
9 applicant shall specify the type of plate for which the
10 applicant is applying. Application shall be made at least
11 thirty (30) days before registration of the vehicle
12 expires. Once an applicant has qualified for and received
13 a decorated combat veteran license plate, the applicant
14 shall not be required to prove continued eligibility in
15 subsequent years.

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17 (b) Application for a decorated combat veteran
18 license plate shall be annually made to the county
19 treasurer as provided by this article. Application forms
20 shall be available at all county treasurer's offices. The
21 registration fees prescribed by W.S. 31-3-101 shall
22 accompany each application and no additional fee shall be
23 charged for the license plates provided by this section.

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2 (c) The surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who
3 was issued a license plate under this section shall qualify
4 to receive and continue displaying the deceased person's
5 decorated combat veteran plate upon proper registration and
6 payment of required fees.

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8 (d) License plates issued under this section shall be
9 displayed only on the vehicle for which they are issued.

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11 (e) Except as provided in this section, application
12 for, issuance and renewal of decorated combat veteran
13 license plates shall be subject to the same requirements as
14 provided in this article.

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16 (f) Decorated combat veteran license plates shall be
17 the same color as regular motor vehicle license plates but
18 shall bear a distinctive symbol and letters identifying the
19 type of honor received by the registrant. The department
20 shall prescribe the design of the decorated combat veteran
21 license plate in consultation with the Wyoming veteran's
22 commission. To the extent practical, the design shall
23 include a graphical representation of the medal received by

1 the veteran registrant and the spelled name of the medal.
2 The department may omit Arabic numerals designating the
3 county. Decorated combat veteran license plates shall be
4 subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license
5 plates beginning with the year 2017 reissuance.

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7 (g) The department may prepare any special forms and
8 issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
9 section.

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11 (h) The department shall include within its biennial
12 budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013 a report
13 identifying the actions taken and monies expended pursuant
14 to this section for each of the immediately preceding two
15 (2) fiscal years.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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