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HOUSE BILL NO. 298

## AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE OR REGISTRATION PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Three-fifths of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Add a new Section to Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and insertions as shown by underline as follows:
§ 2139Z. Special license plates for military veterans
(a)(1) The owner of any vehicle described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section may apply to the Department for assignment to that vehicle of a special Military Veterans registration number; provided however, that the owner of the vehicle must possess official documentation which indicates that such owner is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military.
(2) This section applies only to:
a. A private passenger vehicle; or
b. A truck with a $3 / 4$-ton or less manufacturer's rated capacity.
(b) Special registration may be issued by the Department under this section if the United States Department of Defense certifies that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military.
(c) No fee in addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required by this title is required for registration under this section; provided however, that an original application under this section be subject to a $\$ 15$ administrative fee, which shall be deposited into a special fund and used by the Division of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of administering this section and to fund Department projects notwithstanding the provisions of Chapters 13 and 14 of Title 2 to the contrary.
(d) Only 1 such plate shall be issued to an applicant.
(e) Upon receipt by the Department of information that the individual to whom the special plate has been issued is deceased, the surviving spouse may transfer the plate to a vehicle owned by the spouse that meets the requirements of
paragraph (a)(2) of this section as a valid registration plate. No fee in addition to the annual registration fee otherwise required by this title is required for registration.
(f) The Department shall reserve sufficient special license plates including the letters "MV" and numbered consecutively beginning with the numeral " 1 " as are necessary to implement this section.

## SYNOPSIS

This bill creates a special license plate for honorably discharged veterans of the United States military.

