

MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Resolution MVA-18-36

A RESOLUTION ON FEMALE VETERANS LICENSE PLATES

WHEREAS, prestige license plates and special license plates for certain persons and vehicles are available in states;

WHEREAS, motor vehicle and trailer owners who are veterans or women veterans, who have received a military medal award, or who served during active military combat should be eligible to receive special and distinctive vehicle license plates for private passenger cars, motorcycles, trucks, or recreational vehicles used for personal transportation;

WHEREAS, motor vehicle and trailer owners who are veterans or women veterans, who have received a military medal award, or who served during active military combat should be issued upon application for and upon compliance with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles a veteran's license plate, a woman veteran's license plate, a military medal award recipient license plate, or a commemorative service license plate for service during active military combat, without the requisite registration fee, manufacturing fee, or annual registration fee;

WHEREAS, each member or former member of the armed forces of the United States should be entitled to no more than one such free license plate at a time; provided, however, that upon payment of a manufacturing in each state, a member shall be entitled to one additional such license plate; and

WHEREAS, the special and distinctive vehicle license plates shall be according to the state law for private passenger cars, motorcycles, trucks, recreational vehicles, and trailers used for personal transportation and that such plates shall contain such words or symbols, in addition to the numbers and letters prescribed by law, so as to identify distinctively the owners who are veterans or women veterans, who are recipients of a military medal award, or who served during active military combat and shall additionally identify distinctly the owner as a veteran or woman veteran of one of the following branches of the armed forces of the United States: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the spouse of a deceased veteran or woman veteran or of a deceased person who received a military medal award or who served during active military combat shall continue to be eligible to be issued a distinctive personalized license plate as provided by each state for any vehicle owned by such veteran or woman veteran, and that such ownership is transferred to the surviving spouse or for any other vehicle owned by such surviving spouse either at the time of the qualifying veteran's or woman veteran's death or acquired thereafter, so long as such person does not remarry; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, and other federal and state government officials as appropriate.

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Committee of Jurisdiction: Military and Veterans' Affairs Policy Committee

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