

STATE OF WYOMING GENERAL SESSION 2009

Chapter 179

VETERAN'S LICENSE PLATES

Original House Bill No. 211

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for veterans; providing for a fee and disposition and use of the fee; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-217(a), (b), (d) and (e) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by creating a new subsection (j) is amended to read:

31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors; national guard members; armed forces veterans; purple heart recipients.

(a) The county treasurer shall issue one (1) set of special license plates to each applicant for either a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, handicapped motorcycle or motor home owned by a survivor of Pearl Harbor, ~~or by a member of the Wyoming army or air national guard, a purple heart recipient or honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces~~ in accordance with this section for the year 1990 and thereafter. For the year 1993 and thereafter, the county treasurer shall issue one (1) set of special license plates to each applicant for either a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, handicapped motorcycle or motor home owned by a purple heart recipient. These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

(b) Application for license plates under subsection (a) of this section shall be annually made to the county treasurer as provided by W.S. 31-2-201. Application forms shall be available at all county treasurer's offices. The registration fees prescribed by W.S. 31-3-101 shall accompany each application, except as provided in subsection (j), no additional fee shall be charged for the license plates provided by this section.

(d) The special license plates shall be the same color as regular motor vehicle license plates, but shall bear a distinctive symbol or letters identifying the registrant as a survivor of Pearl Harbor, a member of the Wyoming army or air national guard, ~~or a purple heart recipient~~ or as a veteran of the United States armed forces. The armed forces license plate shall specify the branch of service in which the applicant served, or is serving. The department shall prescribe the symbol or letters which need not include arabic numerals designating the county. The symbol or letters for a survivor of Pearl Harbor license plate shall be different from the symbol or letters for a national guard member, and for the armed forces license plate as well as a purple heart recipient license plate.

(e) Any person who is a Wyoming resident at the time of application may apply under this section for:

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(iv) An armed forces license plate by presenting documentation that he is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces.

(j) Each applicant for an armed forces special license plate shall submit a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) upon which the Wyoming veteran's commission shall issue a written statement establishing the applicant's eligibility to receive an armed forces license plate from the county treasurer. The fee shall be deposited into the highway fund.

Section 2. This act is effective January 1, 2010.

Approved March 11, 2009.