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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-301,
2 60-3,104, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Supplement,
3 2007; to provide for Legion of Merit license plates;
4 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 sections.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2007, is amended to read:

3 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,221 and section 3 of
4 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle
5 Registration Act.

6 Sec. 2. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Supplement,
7 2007, is amended to read:

8 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types
9 of license plates:

10 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant
11 to section 60-3,126;

12 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant
13 to section 60-3,203;

14 (3) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section
15 60-379;

16 (4) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section
17 60-3,144;

18 (5) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued
19 pursuant to section 60-3,147;

20 (6) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant
21 to sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

22 (7) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to
23 section 60-3,124;

24 (8) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to
25 section 60-3,151;

- 1 (9) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section
2 60-3,146;
- 3 (10) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons
4 license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 5 (11) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to
6 section 60-3,151;
- 7 (12) Film vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
8 section 60-383;
- 9 (13) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to
10 sections 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;
- 11 (14) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued
12 pursuant to section 60-3,113;
- 13 (15) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
14 sections 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
- 15 (16) Legion of Merit license plates issued pursuant to
16 section 3 of this act;
- 17 ~~(16)~~ (17) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to
18 section 60-3,145;
- 19 ~~(17)~~ (18) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles
20 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school
21 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;
- 22 ~~(18)~~ (19) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section
23 60-3,107;
- 24 ~~(19)~~ (20) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to
25 section 60-3,100;

- 1 ~~(20)~~ (21) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued
2 pursuant to sections 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;
- 3 ~~(21)~~ (22) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates
4 issued pursuant to section 60-382;
- 5 ~~(22)~~ (23) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten
6 persons or less and not used for hire issued pursuant to section
7 60-3,143;
- 8 ~~(23)~~ (24) Passenger car having a seating capacity of
9 ten persons or less and used for hire issued pursuant to section
10 60-3,143;
- 11 ~~(24)~~ (25) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to
12 section 60-3,122;
- 13 ~~(25)~~ (26) Personal-use dealer license plates issued
14 pursuant to section 60-3,116;
- 15 ~~(26)~~ (27) Personalized message license plates for motor
16 vehicles and cabin trailers, except commercial motor vehicles
17 registered for over ten tons gross weight, issued pursuant to
18 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;
- 19 ~~(27)~~ (28) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant
20 to section 60-3,123;
- 21 ~~(28)~~ (29) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to
22 section 60-3,125;
- 23 ~~(29)~~ (30) Recreational vehicle license plates issued
24 pursuant to section 60-3,151;
- 25 ~~(30)~~ (31) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to

1 section 60-375;

2 ~~(31)~~ (32) Trailer license plates issued for trailers
3 owned or operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school
4 districts issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

5 ~~(32)~~ (33) Trailer license plates issued pursuant to
6 section 60-3,100;

7 ~~(33)~~ (34) Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

8 ~~(34)~~ (35) Transporter license plates issued pursuant to
9 section 60-378;

10 ~~(35)~~ (36) Trucks or combinations of trucks,
11 truck-tractors, or trailers which are not for hire and
12 engaged in soil and water conservation work and used for the
13 purpose of transporting pipe and equipment exclusively used by such
14 contractors for soil and water conservation construction license
15 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,149;

16 ~~(36)~~ (37) Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant
17 to section 60-3,151; and

18 ~~(37)~~ (38) Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing
19 equipment license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

20 Sec. 3. (1) Any person may, in addition to the
21 application required by section 60-385, apply to the department
22 for license plates designed by the department to indicate that the
23 applicant has received from the federal government an award of the
24 Legion of Merit. The inscription of the plates shall be designed so
25 as to include a facsimile of the award and beneath any numerical

1 designation upon the plates pursuant to section 60-370 the words
2 Legion of Merit.

3 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon payment of
4 the regular license fee and an additional fee of five dollars and
5 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant
6 was awarded the Legion of Merit. The additional fee shall be
7 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust
8 Fund. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or
9 cabin trailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one
10 time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198
11 shall not be so licensed.

12 (3) If license plates issued pursuant to this section are
13 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be
14 issued replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

15 Sec. 4. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Supplement,
16 2007, is amended to read:

17 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible
18 for registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate
19 or plates designed by this state in the year corresponding to the
20 model year when the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the plates
21 designed pursuant to section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of
22 the department. The department shall inspect the plate or plates
23 and may approve the plate or plates if it is determined that the
24 model-year license plate or plates are legible and serviceable and
25 that the license plate numbers do not conflict with or duplicate

1 other numbers assigned and in use. An original-issued license plate
2 or plates that have been restored to original condition may be used
3 when approved by the department.

4 (2) The department may consult with a recognized car club
5 in determining whether the year of the license plate or plates
6 to be used corresponds to the model year when the vehicle was
7 manufactured.

8 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the
9 license plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner
10 of a historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even
11 for years in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in
12 general.

13 (4) License plates used pursuant to this section
14 corresponding to the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not
15 be personalized message license plates, Legion of Merit license
16 plates, Pearl Harbor license plates, prisoner-of-war license
17 plates, disabled veteran license plates, Purple Heart license
18 plates, amateur radio station license plates, Nebraska Cornhusker
19 Spirit Plates, or handicapped or disabled person license plates.

20 Sec. 5. Original sections 60-301, 60-3,104, and
21 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2007, are repealed.