

AMENDMENTS TO LB138

Introduced by Transportation and Telecommunications.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2018, is amended to read:

5 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,235 and sections 15 and 16 of this
6 act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration
7 Act.

8 Sec. 2. Section 60-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2018, is amended to read:

10 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers
11 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may
12 register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or
13 on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month
14 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration
15 period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the
16 registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the
17 motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel
18 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of
19 months necessary to extend its current registration period to the
20 registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will
21 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor
22 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later
23 expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise
24 provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
25 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, and 60-3,235, and section 16 of this act.
26 Thereafter all such motor vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an
27 annual basis starting in the month chosen by the owner.

1 Sec. 3. Section 60-395, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2018, is amended to read:

3 60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
4 section and sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
5 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, ~~and 60-3,235,~~ and section 16 of
6 this act, the registration shall expire and the registered owner or
7 lessee may, by returning the registration certificate, the license
8 plates, and, when appropriate, the validation decals and by either making
9 application on a form prescribed by the department to the county
10 treasurer of the occurrence of an event described in subdivisions (a)
11 through (e) of this subsection or, in the case of a change in situs,
12 displaying to the county treasurer the registration certificate of such
13 other state as evidence of a change in situs, receive a refund of that
14 part of the unused fees and taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on
15 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from
16 the date of any of the following events:

17 (a) Upon transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer;

18 (b) In case of loss of possession because of fire, theft,
19 dismantlement, or junking;

20 (c) When a salvage branded certificate of title is issued;

21 (d) Whenever a type or class of motor vehicle or trailer previously
22 registered is subsequently declared by legislative act or court decision
23 to be illegal or ineligible to be operated or towed on the public roads
24 and no longer subject to registration fees, the motor vehicle tax imposed
25 in section 60-3,185, the motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190,
26 and the alternative fuel fee imposed in section 60-3,191;

27 (e) Upon a trade-in or surrender of a motor vehicle under a lease;
28 or

29 (f) In case of a change in the situs of a motor vehicle or trailer
30 to a location outside of this state.

31 (2) If the date of the event falls within the same calendar month in

1 which the motor vehicle or trailer is acquired, no refund shall be
2 allowed for such month.

3 (3) If the transferor or lessee acquires another motor vehicle at
4 the time of the transfer, trade-in, or surrender, the transferor or
5 lessee shall have the credit provided for in this section applied toward
6 payment of the motor vehicle fees and taxes then owing. Otherwise, the
7 transferor or lessee shall file a claim for refund with the county
8 treasurer upon an application form prescribed by the department.

9 (4) The registered owner or lessee shall make a claim for refund or
10 credit of the fees and taxes for the unexpired months in the registration
11 period within sixty days after the date of the event or shall be deemed
12 to have forfeited his or her right to such refund or credit.

13 (5) For purposes of this section, the date of the event shall be:
14 (a) In the case of a transfer or loss, the date of the transfer or loss;
15 (b) in the case of a change in the situs, the date of registration in
16 another state; (c) in the case of a trade-in or surrender under a lease,
17 the date of trade-in or surrender; (d) in the case of a legislative act,
18 the effective date of the act; and (e) in the case of a court decision,
19 the date the decision is rendered.

20 (6) Application for registration or for reassignment of license
21 plates and, when appropriate, validation decals to another motor vehicle
22 or trailer shall be made within thirty days of the date of purchase.

23 (7) If a motor vehicle or trailer was reported stolen under section
24 60-178, a refund under this section shall not be reduced for a lost plate
25 charge and a credit under this section may be reduced for a lost plate
26 charge but the applicant shall not be required to pay the plate fee for
27 new plates.

28 (8) The county treasurer shall refund the motor vehicle fee and
29 registration fee from the fees which have not been transferred to the
30 State Treasurer. The county treasurer shall make payment to the claimant
31 from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit where the

1 tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than two dollars
2 shall be paid.

3 Sec. 4. Section 60-396, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2018, is amended to read:

5 60-396 Whenever the registered owner files an application with the
6 county treasurer showing that a motor vehicle or trailer is disabled and
7 has been removed from service, the registered owner may, by returning the
8 registration certificate, the license plates, and, when appropriate, the
9 validation decals or, in the case of the unavailability of such
10 registration certificate or certificates, license plates, or validation
11 decals, then by making an affidavit to the county treasurer of such
12 disablement and removal from service, receive a credit for a portion of
13 the registration fee from the fee deposited with the State Treasurer at
14 the time of registration based upon the number of unexpired months
15 remaining in the registration year except as otherwise provided in
16 sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128, 60-3,224,
17 60-3,227, 60-3,233, ~~and 60-3,235,~~ and section 16 of this act. The owner
18 shall also receive a credit for the unused portion of the motor vehicle
19 tax and fee based upon the number of unexpired months remaining in the
20 registration year. When the owner registers a replacement motor vehicle
21 or trailer at the time of filing such affidavit, the credit may be
22 immediately applied against the registration fee and the motor vehicle
23 tax and fee for the replacement motor vehicle or trailer. When no such
24 replacement motor vehicle or trailer is so registered, the county
25 treasurer shall forward the application and affidavit, if any, to the
26 State Treasurer who shall determine the amount, if any, of the allowable
27 credit for the registration fee and issue a credit certificate to the
28 owner. For the motor vehicle tax and fee, the county treasurer shall
29 determine the amount, if any, of the allowable credit and issue a credit
30 certificate to the owner. When such motor vehicle or trailer is removed
31 from service within the same month in which it was registered, no credits

1 shall be allowed for such month. The credits may be applied against taxes
2 and fees for new or replacement motor vehicles or trailers incurred
3 within one year after cancellation of registration of the motor vehicle
4 or trailer for which the credits were allowed. When any such motor
5 vehicle or trailer is reregistered within the same registration year in
6 which its registration has been canceled, the taxes and fees shall be
7 that portion of the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee
8 for the remainder of the registration year.

9 Sec. 5. Section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 60-3,102 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
12 whenever ~~whenever~~ new license plates, including duplicate or replacement
13 license plates, are issued to any person, a fee per plate shall be
14 charged in addition to all other required fees. The license plate fee
15 shall be determined by the department and shall only cover the cost of
16 the license plate and validation decals but shall not exceed three
17 dollars and fifty cents. All fees collected pursuant to this section
18 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust
19 Fund.

20 (2) Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee under this
21 section shall be charged for license plates issued pursuant to section
22 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, or 60-3,125.

23 Sec. 6. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
24 2018, is amended to read:

25 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license
26 plates:

27 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section
28 60-3,126;

29 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
30 60-3,203;

31 (3) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

- 1 (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379;
- 2 (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections
3 60-3,230 and 60-3,231;
- 4 (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144;
- 5 (7) Choose Life License Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,232
6 and 60-3,233;
- 7 (8) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to
8 section 60-3,147;
- 9 (9) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to
10 sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;
- 11 (10) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section
12 60-3,124;
- 13 (11) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
14 60-3,151;
- 15 (12) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 16 (13) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons license
17 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;
- 18 (14) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
19 60-3,151;
- 20 (15) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections
21 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;
- 22 (16) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued pursuant
23 to section 60-3,113;
- 24 (17) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to sections
25 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;
- 26 (18) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,145;
- 27 (19) Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued pursuant
28 to section 60-3,228;
- 29 (20) Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,122.03
30 and 60-3,122.04;
- 31 (21) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

1 (22) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or
2 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
3 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;

4 (23) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;

5 (24) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

6 (25) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections
7 60-3,226 and 60-3,227;

8 (26) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates issued
9 pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235;

10 (27) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections
11 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;

12 (28) Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to
13 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225;

14 (29) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued pursuant to
15 section 60-382;

16 (30) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less
17 and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
18 autocycles;

19 (31) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less
20 and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
21 autocycles;

22 (32) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section
23 60-3,122;

24 (33) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section
25 60-3,116;

26 (34) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,
27 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and
28 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to
29 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

30 (35) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section
31 60-3,123;

1 (36) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to section
2 60-3,228;

3 (37) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section
4 60-3,125;

5 (38) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
6 60-3,151;

7 (39) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375;

8 (40) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant
9 to section 60-3,135.01;

10 (41) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections
11 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

12 (42) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 15 and 16
13 of this act;

14 (43) ~~(42)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
15 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
16 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

17 (44) ~~(43)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
18 60-3,100;

19 (45) ~~(44)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
20 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district
21 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

22 (46) ~~(45)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

23 (47) ~~(46)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section
24 60-378;

25 (48) ~~(47)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or
26 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water
27 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and
28 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water
29 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section
30 60-3,149;

31 (49) ~~(48)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section

1 60-3,151; and

2 ~~(50)~~ ~~(49)~~ Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license
3 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

4 Sec. 7. Section 60-3,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2018, is amended to read:

6 60-3,122 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required
7 by section 60-385, apply to the department for license plates designed by
8 the department to indicate that he or she is a survivor of the Japanese
9 attack on Pearl Harbor if he or she:

10 (a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,
11 1941;

12 (b) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55
13 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or
14 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

15 (c) Was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
16 honorable from the United States Armed Forces; and

17 (d) Holds a current membership in a Nebraska Chapter of the Pearl
18 Harbor Survivors Association.

19 (2) Pearl Harbor ~~The~~ license plates shall be issued upon the
20 applicant paying the ~~regular~~ license plate fee as provided in subsection
21 (3) of this section and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department
22 that the applicant fulfills the requirements provided by subsection (1)
23 of this section. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers
24 owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles
25 and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

26 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for Pearl Harbor license
27 plates shall pay the license plate fee required under section 60-3,102.
28 Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be required for
29 Pearl Harbor license plates.

30 (4) ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued pursuant to this section are
31 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued

1 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

2 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this
3 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate
4 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates
5 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the
6 applicant annually.

7 Sec. 8. Section 60-3,122.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2018, is amended to read:

9 60-3,122.02 (1) A person may apply to the department for Gold Star
10 Family plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application
11 prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer,
12 or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under
13 section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Gold Star Family plate for a
14 farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the
15 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make forms
16 available for such applications through the county treasurers. Gold Star
17 Family ~~The license~~ plates shall be issued upon payment of the license fee
18 described in subsection (2) of this section and furnishing proof
19 satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a surviving spouse,
20 whether remarried or not, or an ancestor, including a stepparent, a
21 descendant, including a stepchild, a foster parent or a person in loco
22 parentis, or a sibling of a person who died while in good standing on
23 active duty in the military service of the United States.

24 (2)(a)(i) Until January 1, 2021, each ~~(2)(a) Each~~ application for
25 initial issuance of consecutively numbered Gold Star Family plates shall
26 be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. An application for renewal of
27 such plates shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County
28 treasurers collecting fees for renewals pursuant to this subdivision
29 shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit
30 five dollars of the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates
31 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

1 (ii) Beginning January 1, 2021, no additional fee shall be required
2 for consecutively numbered Gold Star Family plates issued under this
3 section and such plates shall not require the payment of any additional
4 license plate fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to
5 which the plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly
6 registered by the applicant annually.

7 (b)(i) ~~(b)~~ Each application for initial issuance of personalized
8 message Gold Star Family plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty
9 dollars. An application for renewal of such plates shall be accompanied
10 by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees for renewals
11 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The
12 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial
13 issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles
14 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran
15 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

16 (ii) Beginning January 1, 2021:

17 (A) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required
18 for personalized message Gold Star Family plates issued under this
19 section, other than the renewal fee provided for in subdivision (2)(b)(i)
20 of this section; and

21 (B) Such plates shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to
22 which the plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly
23 registered by the applicant annually and the renewal fee provided for in
24 subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section is paid.

25 (3) ~~When~~ ~~Until~~ ~~January 1, 2019,~~ ~~when the department receives an~~
26 ~~application for Gold Star Family plates, the department shall deliver the~~
27 ~~plates to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle~~
28 ~~or trailer is registered. Beginning January 1, 2019, when the department~~
29 ~~receives an application for Gold Star Family plates, the department may~~
30 ~~deliver the plates and registration certificate to the applicant by~~
31 ~~United States mail or to the county treasurer of the county in which the~~

1 motor vehicle or trailer is registered and the delivery of the plates and
2 registration certificate shall be made through a secure process and
3 system. The county treasurer or the department shall issue Gold Star
4 Family plates in lieu of regular license plates when the applicant
5 complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act
6 for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer. If Gold Star Family
7 plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued
8 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

9 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Gold Star Family
10 plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred
11 to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which such plates were
12 originally purchased if such vehicle is owned by the owner of the plates.
13 The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for the plates, if any,
14 credited to the other vehicle which will bear the plates at the rate of
15 eight and one-third percent per month for each full month left in the
16 registration period. Until January 1, 2021, application ~~Application~~ for
17 such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Beginning
18 January 1, 2021, no such fee shall be required. Fees collected pursuant
19 to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to
20 the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

21 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Gold Star Family plates at any time
22 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
23 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery
24 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway
25 Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing
26 costs of Gold Star Family plates and the amount charged pursuant to
27 section 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be
28 credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

29 Sec. 9. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
30 2018, is amended to read:

31 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be

1 known as Military Honor Plates.

2 (2)(a) Until January 1, 2021, the The department shall create
3 designs honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United
4 States Army, United States Army Reserve, United States Navy, United
5 States Navy Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine
6 Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard
7 Reserve, United States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, or
8 National Guard; and

9 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, the department shall create designs
10 honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United States
11 Army, United States Army Reserve, United States Navy, United States Navy
12 Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve,
13 United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United
14 States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, or
15 Army National Guard.

16 (3) There shall be eleven such designs until January 1, 2021, and
17 twelve such designs beginning January 1, 2021, one for each of such armed
18 forces reflecting its official emblem, official seal, or other official
19 image. The issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be
20 conditioned on the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to
21 the official emblem, official seal, or other official image.

22 (4) By January 1, 2021, the department shall create five additional
23 designs honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed
24 forces of the United States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan
25 Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism
26 Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service
27 Medal.

28 (5) A person may qualify for a Military Honor Plate by registering
29 with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The
30 Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the applicant's eligibility for
31 a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting the registry

1 established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

2 ~~(6)~~ ~~(2)~~ The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the
3 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the
4 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The
5 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each
6 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and
7 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section
8 60-3,122.04.

9 ~~(7)~~ ~~(3)~~ One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric
10 plates. The department shall:

11 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

12 (b) Not use a county designation.

13 ~~(8)~~ ~~(4)~~ One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized
14 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
15 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
16 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

17 Sec. 10. Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
18 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

19 60-3,122.04 (1) An eligible person may apply to the department for
20 Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application
21 prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer,
22 or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under
23 section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military Honor Plate for a
24 farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the
25 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make forms
26 available for such applications through the county treasurers. The
27 license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license fee described
28 in subsection (2) of this section and verification by the department of
29 an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the
30 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. To be
31 eligible an applicant shall be (a) active duty or reserve duty armed

1 forces personnel serving in any of the armed forces listed in subsection
2 (2) ~~(1)~~ of section 60-3,122.03, (b) a veteran of any of such armed forces
3 who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
4 honorable or general (under honorable conditions), ~~or~~ (c) a current or
5 former commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service or
6 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who has been detailed
7 directly to any branch of such armed forces for service on active or
8 reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
9 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) as
10 proven with valid orders from the United States Department of Defense, a
11 statement of service provided by the United States Public Health Service,
12 or a report of transfer or discharge provided by the National Oceanic and
13 Atmospheric Administration, or (d) a person who is serving or has served
14 in the armed forces of the United States and who has been awarded the
15 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism
16 Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service
17 Medal. Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the plates
18 to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for the
19 plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon surrender
20 of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee and
21 forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar transfer
22 fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department
23 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

24 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
25 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
26 or renewal of alphanumeric Military Honor Plates shall be accompanied by
27 a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this
28 subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer
29 shall credit five dollars of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery
30 System Operation Fund.

31 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under

1 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
2 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be
3 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees
4 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The
5 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial
6 issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles
7 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran
8 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

9 (3) ~~When Until January 1, 2019, when the Department of Motor~~
10 ~~Vehicles receives an application for Military Honor Plates, the~~
11 ~~department shall deliver the plates to the county treasurer of the county~~
12 ~~in which the motor vehicle or trailer is registered. Beginning January 1,~~
13 ~~2019, when the department receives an application for Military Honor~~
14 Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration
15 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county
16 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is
17 registered and the delivery of the plates and registration certificate
18 shall be made through a secure process and system. The county treasurer
19 or the department shall issue Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular
20 license plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of
21 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle
22 or trailer. If Military Honor Plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the
23 licensee shall be issued replacement license plates upon request pursuant
24 to section 60-3,157.

25 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Military Honor
26 Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred
27 to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for
28 which such plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle or
29 trailer is owned by the owner of the plates. The owner may have the
30 unused portion of the fee for the plates credited to the other motor
31 vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and

1 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration
2 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of
3 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
4 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor
5 Vehicles Cash Fund.

6 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time
7 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
8 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery
9 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway
10 Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing
11 costs of Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section
12 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited
13 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

14 (6) If the director discovers evidence of fraud in an application
15 for Military Honor Plates or that the holder is no longer eligible to
16 have Military Honor Plates, the director may summarily cancel the plates
17 and registration and send notice of the cancellation to the holder of the
18 license plates.

19 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
20 2018, is amended to read:

21 60-3,123 (1) Any person who was captured and incarcerated by an
22 enemy of the United States during a period of conflict with such enemy
23 and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
24 honorable from or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces
25 may, in addition to the application required in section 60-385, apply to
26 the department for license plates designed to indicate that he or she is
27 a former prisoner of war.

28 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the
29 regular license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section
30 and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant
31 was formerly a prisoner of war. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers,

1 or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one
2 time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall
3 not be so licensed.

4 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under
5 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section
6 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be
7 required for license plates under this section.

8 (4) (3) If the license plates issued under this section are lost,
9 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the license plates shall be issued
10 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

11 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this
12 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate
13 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates
14 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the
15 applicant annually.

16 Sec. 12. Section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2018, is amended to read:

18 60-3,124 (1) Any person who is a veteran of the United States Armed
19 Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization
20 of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who is
21 classified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as one
22 hundred percent service-connected disabled may, in addition to the
23 application required in section 60-385, apply to the Department of Motor
24 Vehicles for license plates designed by the department to indicate that
25 the applicant is a disabled veteran. The inscription on the license
26 plates shall be D.A.V. immediately below the license plate number to
27 indicate that the holder of the license plates is a disabled veteran.

28 (2) The plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the ~~regular~~
29 license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and
30 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a
31 disabled veteran. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers

1 owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles
2 and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

3 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under
4 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section
5 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be
6 required for license plates under this section.

7 (4) ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued under this section are lost,
8 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued
9 replacement license plates as provided in section 60-3,157.

10 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this
11 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate
12 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates
13 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the
14 applicant annually.

15 Sec. 13. Section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
16 2018, is amended to read:

17 60-3,125 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required
18 by section 60-385, apply to the department for license plates designed by
19 the department to indicate that the applicant has received from the
20 federal government an award of a Purple Heart. The inscription of the
21 plates shall be designed so as to include a facsimile of the award and
22 beneath any numerical designation upon the plates pursuant to section
23 60-370 the words Purple Heart separately on one line and the words Combat
24 Wounded on the line below.

25 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon payment of the ~~regular~~
26 license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and
27 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant was
28 awarded the Purple Heart. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or
29 semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time.
30 Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not
31 be so licensed.

1 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under
2 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section
3 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be
4 required for license plates under this section.

5 (4) (3) If license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,
6 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued
7 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

8 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this
9 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate
10 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates
11 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the
12 applicant annually.

13 Sec. 14. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
14 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

15 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible for
16 registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate or plates
17 designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model year when
18 the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the plates designed pursuant to
19 section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of the department. The
20 department shall inspect the plate or plates and may approve the plate or
21 plates if it is determined that the model-year license plate or plates
22 are legible and serviceable and that the license plate numbers do not
23 conflict with or duplicate other numbers assigned and in use. An
24 original-issued license plate or plates that have been restored to
25 original condition may be used when approved by the department.

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

29 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the license
30 plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner of a
31 historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even for years

1 in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in general.

2 (4) License plates used pursuant to this section corresponding to
3 the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not be personalized message
4 license plates, Pearl Harbor license plates, prisoner-of-war license
5 plates, disabled veteran license plates, Purple Heart license plates,
6 amateur radio station license plates, Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates,
7 handicapped or disabled person license plates, specialty license plates,
8 special interest motor vehicle license plates, Military Honor Plates,
9 Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates, Breast Cancer Awareness Plates,
10 Mountain Lion Conservation Plates, Choose Life License Plates, ~~or~~ Native
11 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates, or Support Our Troops
12 Plates.

13 Sec. 15. (1) The department shall design license plates to be known
14 as Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall create a design
15 reflecting support for troops from all branches of the armed forces. The
16 design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the manufacturing cost
17 of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for
18 license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The department shall make
19 applications available for this type of plate by January 1, 2021. The
20 department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out
21 this section and section 16 of this act.

22 (2) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be alphanumeric
23 plates. The department shall:

24 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

25 (b) Not use a county designation.

26 (3) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be personalized
27 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
28 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
29 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

30 Sec. 16. (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, a person may apply to the
31 department for Support Our Troops Plates in lieu of regular license

1 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department for
2 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle,
3 trailer, or semitrailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant
4 receiving a Support Our Troops Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight
5 of over sixteen tons shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the
6 plate. The department shall make forms available for such applications
7 through the county treasurers. The license plates shall be issued upon
8 payment of the license fee described in subsection (2) of this section.

9 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
10 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
11 of alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee
12 of five dollars. An application for renewal of such plates shall be
13 accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees
14 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State
15 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to
16 the Veterans Employment Program Fund.

17 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
18 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
19 or renewal of personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be
20 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees
21 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State
22 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the
23 fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of
24 Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the
25 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

26 (3) When the department receives an application for Support Our
27 Troops Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration
28 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county
29 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or
30 semitrailer is registered and the delivery of the plates and registration
31 certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. The county

1 treasurer or the department shall issue Support Our Troops Plates in lieu
2 of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the other
3 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the
4 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If Support Our Troops Plates are
5 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued replacement
6 license plates upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157.

7 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer bearing
8 Support Our Troops Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such
9 plates transferred to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which
10 such plates were originally purchased if such vehicle is owned by the
11 owner of the plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for
12 the plates credited to the other vehicle which will bear the plates at
13 the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each full month
14 left in the registration period. Application for such transfer shall be
15 accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this
16 subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
17 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

18 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Support Our Troops Plates at any
19 time exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
20 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Veterans Employment Program
21 Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an
22 amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of Support
23 Our Troops Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102
24 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the
25 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

26 Sec. 17. The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund
27 shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 16 of this act and
28 any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be
29 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which shall use the
30 fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently released
31 from service to live and work in Nebraska. Any money in the fund

1 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
2 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
3 State Funds Investment Act.

4 Sec. 18. Original section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of
5 Nebraska, and sections 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104,
6 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,123, 60-3,124,
7 60-3,125, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018,
8 are repealed.