

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 138

Introduced by Slama, 1, Chairman Enrollment and Review

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

3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that:

4 (a) Nebraska is a welcoming state for veterans and their families;
5 and

6 (b) Nebraska is committed to workforce development initiatives that
7 help attract and retain veterans and their families.

8 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

9 (a) Increase efforts to create public awareness among veterans and
10 their families about the benefits of living and working in Nebraska,
11 including special initiatives enacted to make Nebraska a veteran-friendly
12 state; and

13 (b) Develop new initiatives to better connect veterans to Nebraska's
14 job market and the workforce development needs of employers.

15 (3) The position of veterans' program coordinator shall be
16 maintained by the Department of Labor. The coordinator shall be a veteran
17 and a full-time employee of the Department of Labor and shall:

18 (a) Seek advice and input from the Commission on Military and
19 Veteran Affairs related to veterans' workforce development issues;

20 (b) Be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Commission on Military
21 and Veteran Affairs; and

22 (c) Submit an annual progress report to the Commission on Military
23 and Veteran Affairs.

24 (4) The Department of Labor shall provide the necessary staff to
25 assist the veterans' program coordinator in carrying out the purposes of
26 this section.

27 (5) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall:

1 (a) Develop a web site, in collaboration with the Department of
2 Labor, with a job-search tool specific to veterans; and

3 (b) Research best practices and web sites specific to veterans from
4 other states.

5 Sec. 2. Section 55-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2018, is amended to read:

7 55-601 (1) The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs is
8 created. The commission shall consist of the following voting members:

9 (a) The Director of Economic Development;

10 (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;

11 (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs; and

12 (d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each
13 congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have
14 current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a
15 background in business.

16 (2) The commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio
17 members:

18 (a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;

19 (b) ~~(a)~~ The chair of the State Committee of Employer Support of the
20 Guard and Reserve;

21 (c) ~~(b)~~ The commander of the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command or
22 his or her designee;

23 (d) ~~(c)~~ The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his
24 or her designee; and

25 (e) ~~(d)~~ The commander of the 557th Weather Wing of the United States
26 Air Force or his or her designee.

27 (3) The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) of
28 this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall
29 designate the initial terms of the members described in subdivision (1)
30 (d) of this section so that one member serves for a term of two years,
31 one member serves for a term of three years, and one member serves for a

1 term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four
2 years and shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.
3 The terms of the members shall begin on October 1 of the year in which
4 they are appointed unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Appointments to
5 fill a vacancy, occurring other than by the expiration of a term of
6 office, shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose office
7 is vacated.

8 Sec. 3. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
9 2018, is amended to read:

10 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,235 and sections 17 and 18 of this
11 act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration
12 Act.

13 Sec. 4. Section 60-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
14 2018, is amended to read:

15 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers
16 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may
17 register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or
18 on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month
19 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration
20 period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the
21 registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the
22 motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel
23 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of
24 months necessary to extend its current registration period to the
25 registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will
26 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor
27 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later
28 expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise
29 provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
30 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, and 60-3,235 and section 18 of this act.
31 Thereafter all such motor vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an

1 annual basis starting in the month chosen by the owner.

2 Sec. 5. Section 60-395, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2018, is amended to read:

4 60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
5 section and sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
6 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, ~~and 60-3,235~~ and section 18 of
7 this act, the registration shall expire and the registered owner or
8 lessee may, by returning the registration certificate, the license
9 plates, and, when appropriate, the validation decals and by either making
10 application on a form prescribed by the department to the county
11 treasurer of the occurrence of an event described in subdivisions (a)
12 through (e) of this subsection or, in the case of a change in situs,
13 displaying to the county treasurer the registration certificate of such
14 other state as evidence of a change in situs, receive a refund of that
15 part of the unused fees and taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on
16 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from
17 the date of any of the following events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (2) If the date of the event falls within the same calendar month in
2 which the motor vehicle or trailer is acquired, no refund shall be
3 allowed for such month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit where the
2 tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than two dollars
3 shall be paid.

4 Sec. 6. Section 60-396, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
5 2018, is amended to read:

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

1 from service within the same month in which it was registered, no credits
2 shall be allowed for such month. The credits may be applied against taxes
3 and fees for new or replacement motor vehicles or trailers incurred
4 within one year after cancellation of registration of the motor vehicle
5 or trailer for which the credits were allowed. When any such motor
6 vehicle or trailer is reregistered within the same registration year in
7 which its registration has been canceled, the taxes and fees shall be
8 that portion of the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee
9 for the remainder of the registration year.

10 Sec. 7. Section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

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

21 (2) Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee under this
22 section shall be charged for license plates issued pursuant to section
23 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, or 60-3,125.

24 Sec. 8. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
25 2018, is amended to read:

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

28 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section
29 60-3,126;

30 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
31 60-3,203;

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

- 1 (21) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;
- 2 (22) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or
3 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
4 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;
- 5 (23) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;
- 6 (24) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;
- 7 (25) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections
8 60-3,226 and 60-3,227;
- 9 (26) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates issued
10 pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235;
- 11 (27) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections
12 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;
- 13 (28) Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to
14 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225;
- 15 (29) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued pursuant to
16 section 60-382;
- 17 (30) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less
18 and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
19 autocycles;
- 20 (31) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less
21 and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than
22 autocycles;
- 23 (32) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section
24 60-3,122;
- 25 (33) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section
26 60-3,116;
- 27 (34) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,
28 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and
29 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to
30 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;
- 31 (35) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section

1 60-3,123;
2 (36) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to section
3 60-3,228;
4 (37) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section
5 60-3,125;
6 (38) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
7 60-3,151;
8 (39) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375;
9 (40) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant
10 to section 60-3,135.01;
11 (41) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections
12 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;
13 (42) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 17 and 18
14 of this act;
15 (43) ~~(42)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
16 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
17 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;
18 (44) ~~(43)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
19 60-3,100;
20 (45) ~~(44)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
21 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district
22 pursuant to section 60-3,228;
23 (46) ~~(45)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;
24 (47) ~~(46)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section
25 60-378;
26 (48) ~~(47)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or
27 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water
28 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and
29 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water
30 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section
31 60-3,149;

1 ~~(49)~~ ~~(48)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
2 60-3,151; and

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

5 Sec. 9. Section 60-3,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2018, is amended to read:

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

11 (a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,
12 1941;

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

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

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

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

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

31 ~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued pursuant to this section are

1 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued
2 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

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

8 Sec. 10. Section 60-3,122.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

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

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

1 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

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

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

17 (ii) Beginning January 1, 2021:

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative
31 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

1 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be
2 known as Military Honor Plates.

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

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

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

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

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

1 a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting the registry
2 established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

3 ~~(6)~~ (2) The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the
4 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the
5 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The
6 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each
7 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and
8 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section
9 60-3,122.04.

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

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

13 (b) Not use a county designation.

14 ~~(8)~~ (4) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized
15 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
16 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
17 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

18 Sec. 12. Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
19 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and
2 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration
3 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of
4 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
5 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor
6 Vehicles Cash Fund.

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

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

20 Sec. 13. Section 60-3,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2018, is amended to read:

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

29 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the
30 ~~regular~~ license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section
31 and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant

1 was formerly a prisoner of war. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers,
2 or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one
3 time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall
4 not be so licensed.

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

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

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

17 Sec. 14. Section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2018, is amended to read:

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

29 (2) The plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the ~~regular~~
30 license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and
31 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a

1 disabled veteran. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers
2 owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles
3 and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall 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 plates shall be issued
10 replacement license plates as provided in section 60-3,157.

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. 15. Section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2018, is amended to read:

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

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

1 be so licensed.

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

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

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

14 Sec. 16. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative
15 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

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

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

30 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the license
31 plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner of a

1 historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even for years
2 in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in general.

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

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

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

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

26 (b) Not use a county designation.

27 (3) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be personalized
28 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
29 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
30 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

31 Sec. 18. (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, a person may apply to the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Sec. 19. The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund
28 shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 18 of this act and
29 any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be
30 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which shall use the
31 fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently released

1 from service to live and work in Nebraska. Any money in the fund
2 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
3 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
4 State Funds Investment Act.

5 Sec. 20. Original section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of
6 Nebraska, and sections 55-601, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104,
7 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,123, 60-3,124,
8 60-3,125, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018,
9 are repealed.

10 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "motor" in line 1 through line 6
11 and insert "government; to amend section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised
12 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 55-601, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395,
13 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04,
14 60-3,123, 60-3,124, 60-3,125, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes
15 Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to state intent; to create a veterans'
16 program coordinator in the Department of Labor and provide duties; to
17 provide duties for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department
18 of Labor related to veterans employment; to add a member to the
19 Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs; to change and eliminate
20 certain armed services-related license plate fees; to eliminate obsolete
21 provisions; to provide for additional Military Honor Plates and Support
22 Our Troops Plates; to create a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to
23 repeal the original sections."