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HOUSE BILL NO. 1035

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of the
Military

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding military specialty
2 plates.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-5-157 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-5-157. Any owner applying for a military specialty plate listed in § 32-5-155 shall meet
6 the following specific additional requirements for the respective military specialty plate:

7 (1) Any applicant for the National Guard plate must be an active enlisted member of the
8 National Guard, an active warrant officer of the National Guard, an active
9 commissioned member of the National Guard, or a retired member of the National
10 Guard with twenty years or more of creditable service;

11 (2) Any applicant for the disabled veteran plate must be a veteran who has been rated as
12 in receipt of a statutory benefit for loss or loss of use of one or more extremities, a
13 veteran who receives a veteran's allotment for a total service-connected disability, or
14 a veteran who has received a United States Veterans Administration K Award. The
15 disability must have been incurred while serving on active duty during a time of war



- 1 or while participating in a military mission involving armed conflict;
- 2 (3) Any applicant for the veteran plate must be an honorably discharged veteran who
3 served on active duty;
- 4 (4) Any applicant for the active duty plate must currently be serving on active duty;
- 5 (5) Any applicant for the Prisoner of War plate must be a veteran who was a prisoner of
6 war while serving on active duty;
- 7 (6) Any applicant for the Pearl Harbor survivor plate must have survived the attack at
8 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, while serving on active duty, and have
9 received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces;
- 10 (7) Any applicant for the Gold Star plate must be a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a
11 member of the United States armed forces who died while serving this country on
12 active duty or as a result of that service;
- 13 (8) Any applicant for the Purple Heart plate must be a veteran who received the Purple
14 Heart as a result of the applicant's service;
- 15 (9) Any applicant for the Medal of Honor plate must be a veteran who received the
16 Medal of Honor as a result of the applicant's service;
- 17 (10) Any applicant for the Silver Star plate must have received the Silver Star as a result
18 of the applicant's service;
- 19 (11) Any applicant for the Distinguished Service Cross plate must have received the
20 Distinguished Service Cross as a result of the applicant's service;
- 21 (12) Any applicant for the Navy Cross plate must have received the Navy Cross as a result
22 of the applicant's service;
- 23 (13) Any applicant for the Air Force Cross plate must have received the Air Force Cross
24 as a result of the applicant's service;

- 1 (14) Any applicant for the Distinguished Flying Cross plate must have received the
2 Distinguished Flying Cross as a result of the applicant's service;
- 3 (15) Any applicant for the Bronze Star with Valor plate must have received the Bronze
4 Star with Valor as a result of the applicant's service; and
- 5 (16) Any applicant for the Bronze Star plate must have received the Bronze Star as a
6 result of the applicant's service.

7 Section 2. That § 32-5-162 be amended to read as follows:

8 32-5-162. Military specialty plates shall be numbered and designed by the secretary, with
9 the exception of the National Guard plate which shall be designed by the adjutant general and
10 approved by the secretary. The military specialty plates shall meet the following specific
11 requirements:

- 12 (1) The National Guard plate shall ~~designate the owner as an active enlisted member of~~
13 ~~the National Guard, an active commissioned member of the National Guard, or a~~
14 contain a symbol indicating that the owner is a current or retired member of the
15 National Guard;
- 16 (2) The disabled veteran plate shall consist of a white background bordered on the left
17 by a blue field with white stars and on the right by alternating red and white stripes.
18 The words Disabled Veteran, shall be inscribed on the plate in blue, in at least ten
19 point bold type;
- 20 (3) The veteran plate shall designate the owner as a veteran. The plate may allow for
21 additional indication of the conflict, rank, or status of the veteran;
- 22 (4) The active duty plate shall designate the owner as currently serving on active duty.
23 The plate may allow for additional indication of the conflict, rank, or status of the
24 active duty member;

- 1 (5) The Prisoner of War plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner was a
2 prisoner of war;
- 3 (6) The Pearl Harbor survivor plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner
4 survived the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii while serving on active duty;
- 5 (7) The Gold Star plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner is a parent,
6 spouse, sibling, or child of a member of the United States armed forces who died
7 while serving this country on active duty or as a result of that service;
- 8 (8) The Purple Heart plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received the
9 Purple Heart as a result of the owner's service;
- 10 (9) The Medal of Honor plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received
11 the Medal of Honor, including a facsimile of the medallion portion corresponding to
12 the branch of the United States armed forces for which the owner served when the
13 medal was received, as a result of the owner's service;
- 14 (10) The Silver Star plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received the
15 Silver Star as a result of the owner's service;
- 16 (11) The Distinguished Service Cross plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the
17 owner received the Distinguished Service Cross as a result of the owner's service;
- 18 (12) The Navy Cross plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received the
19 Navy Cross as a result of the owner's service;
- 20 (13) The Air Force Cross plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received
21 the Air Force Cross as a result of the owner's service;
- 22 (14) The Distinguished Flying Cross plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner
23 received the Distinguished Flying Cross as a result of the owner's service;
- 24 (15) The Bronze Star with Valor plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner

1 received the Bronze Star with Valor as a result of the owner's service; and

2 (16) The Bronze Star plate shall contain a symbol indicating that the owner received the

3 Bronze Star as a result of the owner's service.