



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1036

*Introduced by: The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs*

1 **An Act to revise provisions regarding the issuance of certain military specialty**  
2 **plates.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 32-5-159 be AMENDED:

5 **32-5-159. Military specialty plates--Noncommercial registration and**  
6 **licensing fees.**

7 ~~In addition to the noncommercial annual registration and plate fees, each person~~  
8 ~~receiving military specialty plates shall pay an additional ten dollar fee for the initial~~  
9 ~~issuance of the military specialty plates. All fees collected under this section shall be placed~~  
10 ~~in the license plate special revenue fund. Any owner applying for a military specialty plate~~  
11 ~~listed in § 32-5-155 shall pay the noncommercial registration and license fees for the~~  
12 ~~motor vehicle.~~

13 **Section 2.** That § 32-5-160 be AMENDED:

14 **32-5-160. Military specialty plates--Fees--Exemption.**

15 ~~Notwithstanding § 32-5-159 or any other contrary provisions of §§ 32-5-154 to~~  
16 ~~32-5-166, inclusive, each veteran receiving the disabled veteran, Prisoner of War, Pearl~~  
17 ~~Harbor survivor, or Purple Heart military specialty plates shall pay a ten dollar fee for the~~  
18 ~~initial issuance of the military specialty plate and an annual fee of ten dollars for renewal~~  
19 ~~decals, but is not subject to the annual registration fees assessed pursuant to § 32-5-6 or~~  
20 ~~32-5-9, unless § 32-5-160.2 applies.~~

21 ~~Notwithstanding § 32-5-159 or any other contrary provisions of §§ 32-5-154 to 32-5-~~  
22 ~~166, inclusive, each veteran receiving the Medal of Honor plate may not be assessed~~  
23 ~~annual registration fees, pursuant to § 32-5-6 or 32-5-9, or any other fees associated with~~  
24 ~~the military specialty plate or renewal decals, unless § 32-5-160.2 applies.~~

1        ~~Each veteran receiving a disabled veteran, Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor survivor,~~  
2 ~~Purple Heart, or Medal of Honor military specialty plate may get a maximum of two sets~~  
3 ~~of the applied for military specialty plate. The plates may be placed on any automobile,~~  
4 ~~pickup truck, or van licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant to~~  
5 ~~§ 32-5-9. The veteran may choose to place one of the two sets of military specialty plates~~  
6 ~~on a noncommercial pickup truck, which weighs more than six thousand pounds, licensed~~  
7 ~~pursuant to § 32-5-6.3, or a motor home licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1, but shall pay~~  
8 ~~the regular annual registration fees pursuant to those sections.~~

9        Notwithstanding § 32-5-159, 32-5-160.1, or 32-5-160.2, an applicant for a tribal  
10 veteran plate shall pay a fee in accordance with § 32-5-124, with the fee distributed  
11 pursuant to § 32-5-124.

12 **Section 3.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

13        **32-5-160.1. Military specialty plates--Issuance--Placement--Limitations.**

14        Any owner applying for a military specialty plate listed in § 32-5-155 may receive  
15 up to two sets of military specialty plates without payment of a military specialty plate  
16 fee. Disabled veteran, Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor survivor, Purple Heart, and Medal of  
17 Honor plates may be placed on any automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed pursuant to  
18 § 32-5-6 or a motorcycle licensed pursuant to § 32-5-9. Any veteran applying for the  
19 disabled veteran, Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor survivor, Purple Heart, or Medal of Honor  
20 military specialty plates may place one of the two sets of military specialty plates on a  
21 noncommercial pickup truck that weighs more than six thousand pounds licensed pursuant  
22 to § 32-5-6.3, or a motor home licensed pursuant to § 32-5-6.1, but shall pay the regular  
23 annual registration fees applicable to the noncommercial pickup truck or motor home.

24 **Section 4.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

25        **32-5-160.2. Military specialty plates--Additional sets--Fees.**

26        Any owner may apply for additional sets of military specialty plates in excess of  
27 the maximum limit established in § 32-5-160.1. For each additional set in excess of the  
28 maximum, the owner shall pay a military specialty plate fee of ten dollars for the initial  
29 issuance of the plate and all annual noncommercial registration and license fees for the  
30 motor vehicle. The military specialty plate fee shall be deposited in the license plate special  
31 revenue fund.

32 **Section 5.** This Act is effective on January 1, 2021.