

2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1101

Introduced by: Representative Shorma

- An Act to provide a special motor vehicle license plate for recipients of the Legion of Merit award.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 32-5-155 be AMENDED:
- 32-5-155. Any owner may apply for a military specialty plate if the owner meets the requirements of §§ 32-5-154 to 32-5-166, inclusive. The available military specialty plates are as follows:
- 8 (1) National Guard plate;
- 9 (2) Disabled veteran plate;
- 10 (3) Veteran plate;
- 11 (4) Active duty plate;
- 12 (5) Prisoner of War plate;
- 13 (6) Pearl Harbor survivor plate;
- 14 (7) Gold Star plate;
- 15 (8) Purple Heart plate;
- 16 (9) Medal of Honor plate;
- 17 (10) Silver Star plate;
- 18 (11) Distinguished Service Cross plate;
- 19 (12) Navy Cross plate;
- 20 (13) Air Force Cross plate;
- 21 (14) Distinguished Flying Cross plate;
- 22 (15) Bronze Star with Valor plate;
- 23 (16) Bronze Star plate;
- 24 (17) Tribal veteran plate; and
- 25 (18) Woman veteran plate; and
- 26 (19) Legion of Merit plate.

1 Section 2. That § 32-5-157 be AMENDED:

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32-5-157. Any owner applying for a military specialty plate listed in § 32-5-155 shall must meet the following specific additional requirements for the respective military specialty plate: (1)Any applicant for the National Guard plate must be an active enlisted member of

- the National Guard, an active warrant officer of the National Guard, an active commissioned member of the National Guard, or a retired member of the National Guard with twenty years or more of creditable service;
- (2) Any applicant for the disabled veteran plate must be a veteran who has been rated as in receipt of a statutory benefit for loss or loss of use of one or more extremities, a veteran who receives a veteran's allotment for a total service-connected disability, or a veteran who has received a United States Veterans Administration K Award. The disability must have been incurred while serving on active duty during a time of war or while participating in a military mission involving armed conflict;
- 15 Any applicant for the veteran plate must be an honorably discharged veteran who (3) 16 served on active duty;
- Any applicant for the active duty plate must currently be serving on active duty; 17 (4)
- 18 (5) Any applicant for the Prisoner of War plate must be a veteran who was a prisoner 19 of war while serving on active duty;
 - (6) Any applicant for the Pearl Harbor survivor plate must have survived the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, while serving on active duty, and have received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces;
 - (7) Any applicant for the Gold Star plate must be a parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a member of the United States armed forces who died while serving this country on active duty or as a result of that service;
- 26 (8) Any applicant for the Purple Heart plate must be a veteran who received the Purple 27 Heart as a result of the applicant's service;
 - Any applicant for the Medal of Honor plate must be a veteran who received the (9) Medal of Honor as a result of the applicant's service;
- 30 Any applicant for the Silver Star plate must have received the Silver Star as a result (10)of the applicant's service;
- 32 (11)Any applicant for the Distinguished Service Cross plate must have received the 33 Distinguished Service Cross as a result of the applicant's service;
- 34 (12)Any applicant for the Navy Cross plate must have received the Navy Cross as a 35 result of the applicant's service;

1 (13)Any applicant for the Air Force Cross plate must have received the Air Force Cross 2 as a result of the applicant's service; 3 (14)Any applicant for the Distinguished Flying Cross plate must have received the 4 Distinguished Flying Cross as a result of the applicant's service; 5 Any applicant for the Bronze Star with Valor plate must have received the Bronze (15)6 Star with Valor as a result of the applicant's service; 7 (16)Any applicant for the Bronze Star plate must have received the Bronze Star as a 8 result of the applicant's service; 9 (17)Any applicant for the tribal veteran plate must be a member of a tribe and an 10 honorably discharged veteran who served on active duty; and Any applicant for the woman veteran plate must be a woman and an honorably 11 (18)12 discharged veteran who served on active duty; and

Section 3. That § 32-5-162 be AMENDED:

as a result of the applicant's service.

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

(19) Any applicant for the Legion of Merit plate must have received the Legion of Merit

- The National Guard plate-shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner is (1) a current or retired member of the National Guard;
- (2) The disabled veteran plate-shall must consist of a white background bordered on the left by a blue field with white stars and on the right by alternating red and white stripes. The words Disabled Veteran, shall must be inscribed on the plate in blue, in at least ten point bold type;
- (3) The veteran plate—shall must designate the owner as a veteran. The plate may allow for additional indication of the conflict, rank, or status of the veteran;
- 28 The active duty plate-shall must designate the owner as currently serving on active (4) duty. The plate may allow for additional indication of the conflict, rank, or status of the active duty member;
- 31 The Prisoner of War plate-shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner (5) 32 was a prisoner of war:
- The Pearl Harbor survivor plate-shall must contain a symbol indicating that the 33 (6) 34 owner survived the attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii while serving on active duty;

1	(7)	The Gold Star plate—shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner is a
2		parent, spouse, sibling, or child of a member of the United States armed forces
3		who died while serving this country on active duty or as a result of that service;
4	(8)	The Purple Heart plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner
5		received the Purple Heart as a result of the owner's service;
6	(9)	The Medal of Honor plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner
7		received the Medal of Honor, including a facsimile of the medallion portion
8		corresponding to the branch of the United States armed forces for which the owner
9		served when the medal was received, as a result of the owner's service;
10	(10)	The Silver Star plate shall <u>must</u> contain a symbol indicating that the owner received
11		the Silver Star as a result of the owner's service;
12	(11)	The Distinguished Service Cross plate-shall must contain a symbol indicating that
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14		service;
15	(12)	The Navy Cross plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner
16		received the Navy Cross as a result of the owner's service;
17	(13)	The Air Force Cross plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner
18		received the Air Force Cross as a result of the owner's service;
19	(14)	The Distinguished Flying Cross plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that
20		the owner received the Distinguished Flying Cross as a result of the owner's
21		service;
22	(15)	The Bronze Star with Valor plate shall must contain a symbol indicating that the
23		owner received the Bronze Star with Valor as a result of the owner's service;
24	(16)	The Bronze Star plate—shall must contain a symbol indicating that the owner
25		received the Bronze Star as a result of the owner's service;
26	(17)	The tribal veteran plate-shall must be of the same design as provided in § 32-5-
27		123 and-shall must designate the owner as a veteran; and
28	(18)	The woman veteran plate-shall must designate the owner as a woman and a
29		veteran. The plate may allow for additional indication of the conflict, rank, or status
30		of the veteran; and
31	(19)	The Legion of Merit plate must contain a symbol indicating that the owner received
32		the Legion of Merit as a result of the owner's service.

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