

- 33 (iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;
- 34 (iv) disabled veteran; or
- 35 (v) recipient of a gold star award issued by the United States Secretary of Defense;
- 36 (c) unique vehicle type special group license plates, as for historical, collectors value,
37 or other unique vehicle type, which plates are issued for:
- 38 (i) a special interest vehicle;
- 39 (ii) a vintage vehicle;
- 40 (iii) a farm truck; or
- 41 (iv) (A) until Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B) or (4) applies, a vehicle powered by clean fuel as
42 defined in Section 59-13-102; or
- 43 (B) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation
44 authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b) and until Subsection (4) applies, a vehicle
45 powered by clean fuel that meets the standards established by the Department of Transportation
46 in rules authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b);
- 47 (d) recognition special group license plates, which plates are issued for:
- 48 (i) a current member of the Legislature;
- 49 (ii) a current member of the United States Congress;
- 50 (iii) a current member of the National Guard;
- 51 (iv) a licensed amateur radio operator;
- 52 (v) a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter until June 30, 2009;
- 53 (vi) an emergency medical technician;
- 54 (vii) a current member of a search and rescue team;
- 55 (viii) a current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of
56 State; [or]
- 57 (ix) an individual that wants to recognize and honor American freedoms and values
58 through an In God We Trust license plate; or
- 59 (x) a veteran of a campaign or combat theater as determined by the Department of
60 Veterans' and Military Affairs;
- 61 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,
62 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
- 63 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;

- 64 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- 65 (iii) the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs;
- 66 (iv) the Division of Parks and Recreation;
- 67 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- 68 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- 69 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
- 70 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
- 71 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- 72 (x) Utah public education;
- 73 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for
- 74 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
- 75 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;
- 76 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;
- 77 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter
- 78 organizations;
- 79 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;
- 80 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
- 81 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;
- 82 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and
- 83 cultural exchanges;
- 84 (xix) programs that conduct or support prostate cancer awareness, screening, detection,
- 85 or prevention;
- 86 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;
- 87 (xxi) programs that create or support civil rights education and awareness; or
- 88 (xxii) programs that support issues affecting women and children through an
- 89 organization affiliated with a national professional men's basketball organization.
- 90 (2) (a) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate unless the
- 91 division receives:
- 92 (i) (A) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for
- 93 the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plates; or
- 94 (B) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee provided under Subsection

95 (2)(a)(i)(A); and

96 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2012, and for the issuance of a support special group
97 license plate authorized in Section 41-1a-422, at least 500 completed applications for the new
98 type of support special group license plate to be issued with all fees required under this part for
99 the support special group license plate issuance paid by each applicant.

100 (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each participating organization shall collect and
101 hold applications for support special group license plates authorized in Section 41-1a-422 on or
102 after January 1, 2012, until it has received at least 500 applications.

103 (ii) Once a participating organization has received at least 500 applications, it shall
104 submit the applications, along with the necessary fees, to the division for the division to begin
105 working on the design and issuance of the new type of support special group license plate to be
106 issued.

107 (iii) Beginning on January 1, 2012, the division may not work on the issuance or design
108 of a new support special group license plate authorized in Section 41-1a-422 until the
109 applications and fees required under this Subsection (2) have been received by the division.

110 (iv) The division shall begin issuance of a new support special group license plate
111 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, no later than six months after
112 receiving the applications and fees required under this Subsection (2).

113 (c) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2009, the division may not renew a motor vehicle
114 registration of a motor vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition special group
115 license plate unless the applicant is a contributor as defined in Subsection
116 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ii)(D) to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account.

117 (ii) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition
118 special group license plate prior to July 1, 2009, upon renewal of the owner's motor vehicle
119 registration shall:

120 (A) be a contributor to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account as required under
121 Subsection (2)(c)(i); or

122 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license
123 plate.

124 (3) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2011, if a support special group license plate type
125 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 and issued on or after January 1, 2012, has fewer than 500

126 license plates issued each year for a three consecutive year time period that begins on July 1,
127 the division may not issue that type of support special group license plate to a new applicant
128 beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year after the three consecutive year time
129 period for which that type of support special group license plate has fewer than 500 license
130 plates issued each year.

131 (b) If the division is required to stop the issuance of a type of support special group
132 license plate authorized in Section 41-1a-422 under this Subsection (3), the division shall
133 report to the Transportation Interim Committee that the division will stop the issuance on or
134 before the November interim meeting of the year in which the commission determines to stop
135 the issuance of that type of support special group license plate.

136 (4) Beginning on July 1, 2011, the division may not issue to an applicant a unique
137 vehicle type license plate for a vehicle powered by clean fuel under Subsection (1)(c)(iv).

138 Section 2. Section **41-1a-421** is amended to read:

139 **41-1a-421. Honor special group license plates -- Personal identity requirements.**

140 (1) (a) The requirements of this Subsection (1) apply to a vehicle displaying a:

141 (i) survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor license plate;

142 (ii) former prisoner of war license plate;

143 (iii) Purple Heart license plate; [or]

144 (iv) disabled veteran license plate; or

145 (v) campaign or combat theater veteran license plate.

146 (b) The vehicle shall be titled in the name of the veteran or the veteran and spouse.

147 (c) Upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse may, upon application to the
148 division, retain the special group license plate decal so long as the surviving spouse remains
149 unmarried.

150 (d) The division shall require the surviving spouse to make a sworn statement that the
151 surviving spouse is unmarried before renewing the registration under this section.

152 (2) Proper evidence of a Purple Heart is either:

153 (a) a membership card in the Military Order of the Purple Heart; or

154 (b) an original or certificate in lieu of the applicant's military discharge form, DD-214,
155 issued by the National Personnel Records Center.

156 (3) The Purple Heart license plates shall bear:

- 157 (a) the words "Purple Heart" at the bottom of the plate;
- 158 (b) a logo substantially depicting a Purple Heart award; and
- 159 (c) the letter and number combinations assigned by the division.
- 160 (4) Proper evidence that a person is a disabled veteran is a written document issued by
- 161 a military entity certifying that the person is disabled as a result of service in a branch of the
- 162 United States Military.
- 163 (5) A disabled veteran seeking a disabled veteran license plate shall request the
- 164 Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs to provide the verification required under
- 165 Subsection (4).
- 166 (6) (a) An applicant for a gold star license plate shall submit written documentation
- 167 that the applicant is a recipient of a gold star award issued by the United States Secretary of
- 168 Defense.
- 169 (b) Written documentation under Subsection (6)(a) may include any of the following:
- 170 (i) a death certificate;
- 171 (ii) documentation showing classification of death as listed by the United States
- 172 Secretary of Defense;
- 173 (iii) a casualty report;
- 174 (iv) a telegram from the United States Secretary of Defense or one of the branches of
- 175 the United States armed forces; or
- 176 (v) other documentation that verifies the applicant meets the requirements of
- 177 Subsection (6)(a).
- 178 Section 3. Section **71-8-2** is amended to read:
- 179 **71-8-2. Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs created -- Appointment of**
- 180 **executive director -- Department responsibilities.**
- 181 (1) There is created the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs.
- 182 (2) The governor shall appoint an executive director for the department, after
- 183 consultation with the Veterans' Advisory Council, who is subject to Senate confirmation.
- 184 (a) The executive director shall be a veteran.
- 185 (b) Any veteran or veteran's group may submit names to the council for consideration.
- 186 (3) The department shall:
- 187 (a) conduct and supervise all veteran activities as provided in this title; [~~and~~]

188 (b) determine which campaigns and combat theaters are eligible for a special group
189 license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-418; and
190 (c) adopt rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
191 Rulemaking Act, to carry out the provisions of this title.