

LICENSE PLATE FEE AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicle Act to exempt from a license fee peace officer recipients of the Purple Heart Award.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides an exemption from a new license plate fee for peace officer recipients of the Purple Heart Award or military recipients of the Purple Heart Award.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-1211, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 189

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-1a-1211** is amended to read:

41-1a-1211. License plate fees -- Application fees for issuance and renewal of personalized and special group license plates -- Replacement fee for license plates -- Postage fees.

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (11) [~~and~~], (12), (13), and (14), a license plate fee established in accordance with Section **63J-1-504** shall be paid to the division for the

30 issuance of any new license plate under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia.

31 (b) The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

32 (i) \$1 in the Transportation Fund; and

33 (ii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (1)(a), as provided in Section
34 41-1a-1201.

35 (2) An applicant for original issuance of personalized license plates issued under
36 Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate application fee in addition to the fee
37 required in Subsection (1).

38 (3) Beginning July 1, 2003, a person who applies for a special group license plate shall
39 pay a \$5 fee for the original set of license plates in addition to the fee required under
40 Subsection (1).

41 (4) An applicant for original issuance of personalized special group license plates shall
42 pay the license plate application fees required in Subsection (2) in addition to the license plate
43 fees and license plate application fees established under Subsections (1) and (3).

44 (5) An applicant for renewal of personalized license plates issued under Section
45 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee.

46 (6) (a) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover
47 the costs for the replacement of any license plate issued under Part 4, License Plates and
48 Registration Indicia.

49 (b) The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

50 (i) \$1 in the Transportation Fund; and

51 (ii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (6)(a), as provided in Section
52 41-1a-1201.

53 (7) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover its
54 costs for the replacement of decals issued under Section 41-1a-418.

55 (8) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover the
56 cost of issuing stickers under Section 41-1a-416.

57 (9) In addition to any other fees required by this section, the division shall assess a fee

58 established under Section 63J-1-504 to cover postage expenses if new or replacement license
59 plates are mailed to the applicant.

60 (10) The fees required under this section are separate from and in addition to
61 registration fees required under Section 41-1a-1206.

62 (11) (a) An applicant for a license plate issued under Section 41-1a-407 is not subject
63 to the license plate fee under Subsection (1).

64 (b) An applicant for a Purple Heart special group license plate issued in accordance
65 with Section 41-1a-421 is exempt from the fees under Subsections (1), (3), and (7).

66 (12) A person is exempt from the fee under Subsection (1) or (6) if the person:

67 (a) was issued a clean fuel special group license plate in accordance with Section
68 41-1a-418 prior to the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation under
69 Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b);

70 (b) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation
71 authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b), is no longer eligible for a clean fuel special
72 group license plate under the rules made by the Department of Transportation; and

73 (c) upon renewal or reissuance, is required to replace the clean fuel special group
74 license plate with a new license plate.

75 (13) Until June 30, 2011, a person is exempt from the license plate fee under
76 Subsection (1) or (6) if the person:

77 (a) was issued a firefighter recognition special group license plate in accordance with
78 Section 41-1a-418 prior to July 1, 2009;

79 (b) upon renewal of the person's vehicle registration on or after July 1, 2009, is not a
80 contributor to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account as required under Section 41-1a-418;
81 and

82 (c) is required to replace the firefighter special group license plate with a new license
83 plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-418.

84 (14) A person is not subject to the license plate fee under Subsection (1) if the person
85 presents official documentation that the person is a recipient of the Purple Heart Award issued:

86 (a) by a recognized association representing peace officers who:
87 (i) receives a salary from a federal, state, county, or municipal government or any
88 subdivision of the state; and
89 (ii) works in the state; or
90 (b) in accordance with Subsection [41-1a-421\(2\)](#).
91 Section 2. **Effective date.**
92 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2015.