
Transportation Committee

HB 2420

Brief Description: Authorizing Congressional Medal of Honor recipients to receive special license plates for up to two motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Representatives Klippert, Moscoso, Muri, Fey, Hayes, Seaquist, Hargrove, MacEwen, Haler, Ryu, Smith, Tarleton, Zeiger, Bergquist, Morrell, Shea, Santos, Ormsby and Freeman.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows registered owners who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to apply for Congressional Medal of Honor special license plates for use on no more than two motor vehicles.
- Allows the Congressional Medal of Honor special license plates to be displayed on a vehicle where the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient is recorded as one of the registered owners.

Hearing Date: 1/27/14

Staff: Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

Background:

In 1979 the Legislature authorized the creation of a Congressional Medal of Honor special license plate. Washington residents who have received the Congressional Medal of Honor may apply for the special license plate for display on a vehicle of which they are the registered owner through the Department of Licensing (DOL) by completing a military license plate application and submitting a letter of eligibility from the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) verifying that they have received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Under current law, the Congressional Medal of Honor special license plates must be issued for use on a single motor vehicle owned by the person who has received the Congressional Medal of Honor and without payment of vehicle license fees, license plate fees, and motor vehicle excise

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taxes. The plates must also be replaced, free of charge, if the plates become lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or destroyed. The plates may be transferred, free of charge, from one motor vehicle to another owned by the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient upon application to the DOL, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the Director of the DOL.

Summary of Bill:

The bill allows registered owners who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to apply for Congressional Medal of Honor special license plates for use on no more than two motor vehicles.

Additionally, the Congressional Medal of Honor special license plates may be used on vehicles where the Congressional Medal of Honor recipient is recorded as one of the registered owners.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.