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1 AN ACT Relating to gold star license plates; and amending RCW  
2 46.18.245.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.245 and 2010 c 161 s 621 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A registered owner who is the mother (~~(or)~~), father, or spouse  
7 of a member of the United States armed forces who died while in service  
8 to his or her country, or as a result of his or her service, may apply  
9 to the department for special gold star license plates for use on a  
10 motor vehicle. The registered owner must:

11 (a) Be a resident of this state;

12 (b) Provide certification from the Washington state department of  
13 veterans affairs that the registered owner qualifies for the special  
14 license plate under this section;

15 (c) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on  
16 which the gold star license plates will be displayed; and

17 (d) Pay all fees and taxes required by law for registering the  
18 motor vehicle.

19 (2) Gold star license plates must be issued:

- 1 (a) Only for motor vehicles owned by qualifying applicants; and  
2 (b) Without payment of any license plate fee.
- 3 (3) Gold star license plates must be replaced, free of charge, if  
4 the license plates become lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or destroyed.
- 5 (4) Gold star license plates may be transferred from one motor  
6 vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the mother (~~(or)~~), father, or  
7 spouse, as described in subsection (1) of this section, upon  
8 application to the department, county auditor or other agent, or  
9 subagent appointed by the director.

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