

SB 5085 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.18.245 and 2013 c 137 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

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

- 10 (a) Be a resident of this state;
- 11 (b) Provide proof to the satisfaction of the department that the
12 registered owner is an eligible family member, which includes:
- 13 (i) A widow;
- 14 (ii) A widower;
- 15 (iii) A biological parent;
- 16 (iv) An adoptive parent;
- 17 (v) A stepparent;
- 18 (vi) An adult in loco parentis or foster parent;
- 19 (vii) A biological child; (~~or~~)
- 20 (viii) An adopted child; or
- 21 (ix) A sibling;

22 (c) Provide certification from the Washington state department of
23 veterans affairs that the registered owner qualifies for the special
24 license plate under this section;

25 (d) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on
26 which the gold star license plates will be displayed; and

27 (e) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, pay all
28 fees and taxes required by law for registering the motor vehicle.

29 (2) In addition to the license plate fee exemption in subsection
30 (3)(b) of this section, the widow or widower recipient of a gold star
31 license plate under this section is also exempt from annual vehicle
32 registration fees for one personal use motor vehicle.

33 (3) 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)~~) (4) Gold star license plates must be replaced, free of
4 charge, if the license plates become lost, stolen, damaged, defaced,
5 or destroyed.

6 (~~(4)~~) (5) Gold star license plates may be transferred from one
7 motor vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the eligible family
8 member, as described in subsection (1) of this section, upon
9 application to the department, county auditor or other agent, or
10 subagent appointed by the director."

11 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds siblings of service members who died while in service or as a result of service to the list of people eligible to receive a gold star license plate. Exempts widows or widowers who have gold star license plates from annual vehicle registration fees for one personal use motor vehicle.

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