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1 AN ACT Relating to Purple Heart license plates; and amending RCW
2 46.18.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.280 and 2016 c 31 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A registered owner who has been awarded a Purple Heart medal
7 by any branch of the United States armed forces, including the
8 merchant marines and the women's air forces service pilots may apply
9 to the department for special license plates for use on a motor
10 vehicle required to display one or two license plates, excluding
11 vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and
12 conditions established by the department, and owned by the qualified
13 applicant. The applicant must:

14 (a) Be a resident of this state;

15 (b) Have been wounded during one of this nation's wars or
16 conflicts identified in RCW 41.04.005;

17 (c) Have received an honorable discharge from the United States
18 armed forces;

19 (d) Provide a copy of the armed forces document showing the
20 recipient was awarded the Purple Heart medal; and

1 (e) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on
2 which the Purple Heart license plate or plates will be displayed(~~(+~~
3 and

4 ~~(f) Pay all fees and taxes required by law for registering the~~
5 ~~motor vehicle)~~.

6 (2) Purple Heart license plates must be issued without the
7 payment of any vehicle license fees, license plate fees, motor
8 vehicle excise taxes, and special license plate fees for one motor
9 vehicle. For other motor vehicles, qualified applicants may purchase
10 Purple Heart license plates for the fee required under RCW
11 46.17.220(~~(1)(p))~~ (17) and all other fees and taxes required by law
12 for registering the motor vehicle.

13 (3) Purple Heart license plates may be issued to the surviving
14 spouse or domestic partner of a Purple Heart recipient who met the
15 requirements in subsection (1) of this section. The surviving spouse
16 or domestic partner must be a resident of this state. If the
17 surviving spouse remarries or the surviving domestic partner marries
18 or enters into a new domestic partnership, he or she must return the
19 special license plates to the department within fifteen days and
20 apply for regular license plates or another type of special license
21 plate.

22 (4) A Purple Heart license plate or plates may be transferred
23 from one motor vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the Purple
24 Heart recipient or the surviving spouse or domestic partner as
25 described in subsection (3) of this section upon application to the
26 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
27 the director.

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