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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

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Purpose: This change updates the qualified applicants for a Gold Star license plate to reflect current law.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 308-96A-545 Gold Star license plates.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 46.01.110, 46.18.020.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-10-005, filed 4/22/15, effective 5/23/15)

**WAC 308-96A-545 Gold Star license plate.** (1) **What is a Gold Star license plate?** The Gold Star license plate recognizes the eligible family members of United States armed forces members who have died while in service to their country or as a result of such service.

(2) **Who qualifies as an eligible family member of a member of the United States armed forces?** Eligible family members are listed in RCW 46.18.245. For purposes of this section, a widow or widower includes the surviving member of a registered domestic partnership.

(3) ~~((What is required to purchase a Gold Star plate? A copy of the certification letter to a qualifying widow, widower, parent, or child provided by the Washington state department of veterans affairs (WDVA) is required. The letter will be used in addition to a special plate application to purchase the plate. No other documentation is required.~~

~~(4)) Can a Gold Star plate be transferred to a new owner? No. The plate may only be transferred to a vehicle owned by the same registered owner ((who was certified as a qualifying widow, widower, parent, or child by WDVA. The plate cannot be transferred to a different registered owner)). If the ((widow, widower, parent, or child)) quali-~~

fied applicant transfers the plate to a new ((ear)) motor vehicle registered to them, they are required to pay the plate transfer fee.

~~((5) What fees are required to purchase the plate? There is no special plate fee or special plate renewal fee for the Gold Star plate. The registered owner must pay all licensing and filing fees.~~

~~(6))~~ **(4) Can a Gold Star plate ((background)) be personalized?** Yes. A Gold Star plate ((background)) can be personalized((; however,)). The customer is required to pay all fees associated with a personalized plate original purchase or renewal.

~~((7) Is a commercial vehicle eligible for a Gold Star plate as long as it is in the name of the qualifying widow, widower, parent, or child and not a business name? Yes.~~

~~(8))~~ **(5) Can I use a Gold Star plate on a commercial vehicle?** Yes, provided the commercial vehicle is owned by a qualified applicant.

**(6) Can a prorated vehicle display a Gold Star plate if the vehicle is under the name of the ((widow, widower, parent, or child)) qualified applicant that is eligible for this plate?** No per chapter 46.87 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110, 46.16A.220. WSR 15-10-005, § 308-96A-545, filed 4/22/15, effective 5/23/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110. WSR 13-23-056, § 308-96A-545, filed 11/15/13, effective 12/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 46.01.110, 46.16.305 and 46.16.725. WSR 08-22-066, § 308-96A-545, filed 11/4/08, effective 12/5/08.]