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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DISABLED VETERANS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 249-9.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

3           "**§249-9.2 Special number plates; military service.** (a)  
4 In lieu of the number plates contracted on behalf of the  
5 counties by the director of finance of the city and county of  
6 Honolulu, the director of finance shall provide, for a fee, one  
7 set of special number plates upon the receipt of an application  
8 together with:

- 9           (1) Specific proof that the applicant was awarded the  
10           Purple Heart by the United States Department of  
11           Defense for wounds received in military or naval  
12           combat against an armed enemy of the United States;  
13           (2) Certification that the applicant is a veteran;  
14           (3) Specific proof that the applicant was serving the  
15           United States in the military or as a civilian, on  
16           Oahu, or offshore at a distance of not more than three  
17           miles at the time of the December 7, 1941, attack on



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1 Pearl Harbor. Certification from the Hawaii state  
2 chairperson of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association  
3 shall constitute sufficient proof;

4 (4) Specific proof that the applicant was confined as a  
5 prisoner of war while providing military service to  
6 the United States;

7 (5) Certification from the United States Department of  
8 Veterans Affairs or the state office of veterans'  
9 services that the applicant is a combat veteran or a  
10 veteran of the Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict,  
11 World War II, or the Persian Gulf conflict; ~~[or]~~

12 (6) Specific proof that the applicant would qualify for a  
13 gold star lapel button under the criteria established  
14 by title 10 United States Code section 1126; provided  
15 that the applicant shall not be disqualified for the  
16 special number plates because the applicant is the  
17 grandparent of the deceased member of the United  
18 States armed forces; or

19 (7) Certification from the United States Department of  
20 Veterans Affairs or the state office of veterans'



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1           services that the applicant has a service-connected  
2           disability rated at one hundred per cent;  
3 provided that applicants, except civilian applicants under  
4 paragraph (3) and civilian applicants and applicants who are  
5 currently serving the United States in the military under  
6 paragraph (6), shall also provide a copy of the applicant's most  
7 recent discharge paper or separation document that indicates an  
8 honorable discharge or general (under honorable conditions)  
9 discharge from active duty.

10           (b) The design of the plates for:

11           (1) Purple heart recipients shall include the words  
12           "COMBAT WOUNDED";

13           (2) Veterans shall include the word "VETERAN";

14           (3) Pearl Harbor survivors shall include the words "PEARL  
15           HARBOR SURVIVOR";

16           (4) Former prisoners of war shall include the words  
17           "FORMER PRISONER OF WAR";

18           (5) Combat veterans shall include the words "COMBAT  
19           VETERAN";

20           (6) Veterans of the Vietnam conflict shall include the  
21           words "VIETNAM VETERAN";



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- 1 (7) Veterans of the Korean conflict shall include the
- 2 words "KOREA VETERAN";
- 3 (8) Veterans of World War II shall include the words
- 4 "WORLD WAR II VETERAN";
- 5 (9) Veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict shall include
- 6 the words "PERSIAN GULF VETERAN"; [~~and~~]
- 7 (10) Gold star family members, including grandparents,
- 8 shall include the words "GOLD STAR FAMILY" [~~-~~]; and
- 9 (11) Disabled veterans shall include the words "DISABLED
- 10 VETERAN".

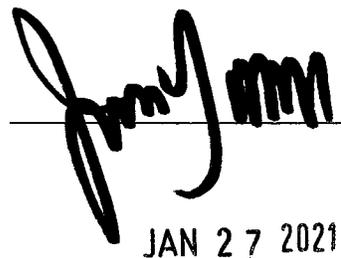
11 These designations shall be imprinted on the left side of  
 12 the license plates in a manner similar to congressional and  
 13 honorary consul license plates."

14 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**Report Title:**

Special Number Plates; Military Service; Disabled Veterans

**Description:**

Establishes a special number plate for veterans with service-connected disabilities that are rated at one hundred per cent by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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