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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 138**

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend section 60-3,102,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 55-601, 60-301,  
3 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02,  
4 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, 60-3,125, and  
5 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to state  
6 intent; to create a veterans' program coordinator in the Department  
7 of Labor and provide duties; to provide duties for the Department of  
8 Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Labor related to veterans  
9 employment; to add a member to the Commission on Military and  
10 Veteran Affairs; to change and eliminate certain armed services-  
11 related license plate fees; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to  
12 provide for additional Military Honor Plates and Support Our Troops  
13 Plates; to create a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
14 original sections.  
15 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that:

2           (a) Nebraska is a welcoming state for veterans and their families;  
3 and

4           (b) Nebraska is committed to workforce development initiatives that  
5 help attract and retain veterans and their families.

6           (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

7           (a) Increase efforts to create public awareness among veterans and  
8 their families about the benefits of living and working in Nebraska,  
9 including special initiatives enacted to make Nebraska a veteran-friendly  
10 state; and

11           (b) Develop new initiatives to better connect veterans to Nebraska's  
12 job market and the workforce development needs of employers.

13           (3) The position of veterans' program coordinator shall be  
14 maintained by the Department of Labor. The coordinator shall be a veteran  
15 and a full-time employee of the Department of Labor and shall:

16           (a) Seek advice and input from the Commission on Military and  
17 Veteran Affairs related to veterans' workforce development issues;

18           (b) Be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Commission on Military  
19 and Veteran Affairs; and

20           (c) Submit an annual progress report to the Commission on Military  
21 and Veteran Affairs.

22           (4) The Department of Labor shall provide the necessary staff to  
23 assist the veterans' program coordinator in carrying out the purposes of  
24 this section.

25           (5) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall:

26           (a) Develop a web site, in collaboration with the Department of  
27 Labor, with a job-search tool specific to veterans. Such web site shall  
28 be implemented on a date designated by the Director of Veterans' Affairs  
29 when sufficient cash funds have accumulated in the Veterans Employment  
30 Program Fund to develop such web site, but no later than June 30, 2024;

31 and

1           (b) Research best practices and web sites specific to veterans from  
2 other states.

3           Sec. 2. Section 55-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2018, is amended to read:

5           55-601 (1) The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs is  
6 created. The commission shall consist of the following voting members:

7           (a) The Director of Economic Development;

8           (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;

9           (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs; and

10           (d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each  
11 congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have  
12 current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a  
13 background in business.

14           (2) The commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio  
15 members:

16           (a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;

17           (b) {a} The chair of the State Committee of Employer Support of the  
18 Guard and Reserve;

19           (c) {b} The commander of the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command or  
20 his or her designee;

21           (d) {c} The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his  
22 or her designee; and

23           (e) {d} The commander of the 557th Weather Wing of the United States  
24 Air Force or his or her designee.

25           (3) The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) of  
26 this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall  
27 designate the initial terms of the members described in subdivision (1)  
28 (d) of this section so that one member serves for a term of two years,  
29 one member serves for a term of three years, and one member serves for a  
30 term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four  
31 years and shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.

1 The terms of the members shall begin on October 1 of the year in which  
2 they are appointed unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Appointments to  
3 fill a vacancy, occurring other than by the expiration of a term of  
4 office, shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose office  
5 is vacated.

6 Sec. 3. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
7 2018, is amended to read:

8 60-301 Sections 60-301 to 60-3,235 and sections 17 and 18 of this  
9 act shall be known and may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Registration  
10 Act.

11 Sec. 4. Section 60-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2018, is amended to read:

13 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers  
14 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may  
15 register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or  
16 on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month  
17 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration  
18 period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the  
19 registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the  
20 motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel  
21 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of  
22 months necessary to extend its current registration period to the  
23 registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will  
24 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor  
25 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later  
26 expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise  
27 provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,  
28 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, ~~and~~ 60-3,235 and section 18 of this act.  
29 Thereafter all such motor vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an  
30 annual basis starting in the month chosen by the owner.

31 Sec. 5. Section 60-395, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

1 2018, is amended to read:

2 60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this  
3 section and sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,  
4 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, ~~and 60-3,235~~ and section 18 of  
5 this act, the registration shall expire and the registered owner or  
6 lessee may, by returning the registration certificate, the license  
7 plates, and, when appropriate, the validation decals and by either making  
8 application on a form prescribed by the department to the county  
9 treasurer of the occurrence of an event described in subdivisions (a)  
10 through (e) of this subsection or, in the case of a change in situs,  
11 displaying to the county treasurer the registration certificate of such  
12 other state as evidence of a change in situs, receive a refund of that  
13 part of the unused fees and taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on  
14 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from  
15 the date of any of the following events:

16 (a) Upon transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle or trailer;

17 (b) In case of loss of possession because of fire, theft,  
18 dismantlement, or junking;

19 (c) When a salvage branded certificate of title is issued;

20 (d) Whenever a type or class of motor vehicle or trailer previously  
21 registered is subsequently declared by legislative act or court decision  
22 to be illegal or ineligible to be operated or towed on the public roads  
23 and no longer subject to registration fees, the motor vehicle tax imposed  
24 in section 60-3,185, the motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190,  
25 and the alternative fuel fee imposed in section 60-3,191;

26 (e) Upon a trade-in or surrender of a motor vehicle under a lease;

27 or

28 (f) In case of a change in the situs of a motor vehicle or trailer  
29 to a location outside of this state.

30 (2) If the date of the event falls within the same calendar month in  
31 which the motor vehicle or trailer is acquired, no refund shall be

1 allowed for such month.

2 (3) If the transferor or lessee acquires another motor vehicle at  
3 the time of the transfer, trade-in, or surrender, the transferor or  
4 lessee shall have the credit provided for in this section applied toward  
5 payment of the motor vehicle fees and taxes then owing. Otherwise, the  
6 transferor or lessee shall file a claim for refund with the county  
7 treasurer upon an application form prescribed by the department.

8 (4) The registered owner or lessee shall make a claim for refund or  
9 credit of the fees and taxes for the unexpired months in the registration  
10 period within sixty days after the date of the event or shall be deemed  
11 to have forfeited his or her right to such refund or credit.

12 (5) For purposes of this section, the date of the event shall be:  
13 (a) In the case of a transfer or loss, the date of the transfer or loss;  
14 (b) in the case of a change in the situs, the date of registration in  
15 another state; (c) in the case of a trade-in or surrender under a lease,  
16 the date of trade-in or surrender; (d) in the case of a legislative act,  
17 the effective date of the act; and (e) in the case of a court decision,  
18 the date the decision is rendered.

19 (6) Application for registration or for reassignment of license  
20 plates and, when appropriate, validation decals to another motor vehicle  
21 or trailer shall be made within thirty days of the date of purchase.

22 (7) If a motor vehicle or trailer was reported stolen under section  
23 60-178, a refund under this section shall not be reduced for a lost plate  
24 charge and a credit under this section may be reduced for a lost plate  
25 charge but the applicant shall not be required to pay the plate fee for  
26 new plates.

27 (8) The county treasurer shall refund the motor vehicle fee and  
28 registration fee from the fees which have not been transferred to the  
29 State Treasurer. The county treasurer shall make payment to the claimant  
30 from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit where the  
31 tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than two dollars

1 shall be paid.

2       Sec. 6. Section 60-396, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2018, is amended to read:

4       60-396 Whenever the registered owner files an application with the  
5 county treasurer showing that a motor vehicle or trailer is disabled and  
6 has been removed from service, the registered owner may, by returning the  
7 registration certificate, the license plates, and, when appropriate, the  
8 validation decals or, in the case of the unavailability of such  
9 registration certificate or certificates, license plates, or validation  
10 decals, then by making an affidavit to the county treasurer of such  
11 disablement and removal from service, receive a credit for a portion of  
12 the registration fee from the fee deposited with the State Treasurer at  
13 the time of registration based upon the number of unexpired months  
14 remaining in the registration year except as otherwise provided in  
15 sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128, 60-3,224,  
16 60-3,227, 60-3,233, ~~and 60-3,235~~ and section 18 of this act. The owner  
17 shall also receive a credit for the unused portion of the motor vehicle  
18 tax and fee based upon the number of unexpired months remaining in the  
19 registration year. When the owner registers a replacement motor vehicle  
20 or trailer at the time of filing such affidavit, the credit may be  
21 immediately applied against the registration fee and the motor vehicle  
22 tax and fee for the replacement motor vehicle or trailer. When no such  
23 replacement motor vehicle or trailer is so registered, the county  
24 treasurer shall forward the application and affidavit, if any, to the  
25 State Treasurer who shall determine the amount, if any, of the allowable  
26 credit for the registration fee and issue a credit certificate to the  
27 owner. For the motor vehicle tax and fee, the county treasurer shall  
28 determine the amount, if any, of the allowable credit and issue a credit  
29 certificate to the owner. When such motor vehicle or trailer is removed  
30 from service within the same month in which it was registered, no credits  
31 shall be allowed for such month. The credits may be applied against taxes

1 and fees for new or replacement motor vehicles or trailers incurred  
2 within one year after cancellation of registration of the motor vehicle  
3 or trailer for which the credits were allowed. When any such motor  
4 vehicle or trailer is reregistered within the same registration year in  
5 which its registration has been canceled, the taxes and fees shall be  
6 that portion of the registration fee and the motor vehicle tax and fee  
7 for the remainder of the registration year.

8 Sec. 7. Section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10 60-3,102 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
11 whenever ~~whenever~~ new license plates, including duplicate or replacement  
12 license plates, are issued to any person, a fee per plate shall be  
13 charged in addition to all other required fees. The license plate fee  
14 shall be determined by the department and shall only cover the cost of  
15 the license plate and validation decals but shall not exceed three  
16 dollars and fifty cents. All fees collected pursuant to this section  
17 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust  
18 Fund.

19 (2) Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee under this  
20 section shall be charged for license plates issued pursuant to section  
21 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, or 60-3,125.

22 Sec. 8. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
23 2018, is amended to read:

24 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license  
25 plates:

26 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section  
27 60-3,126;

28 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section  
29 60-3,203;

30 (3) Autocycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

31 (4) Boat dealer license plates issued pursuant to section 60-379;



1 (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections  
2 60-3,230 and 60-3,231;

3 (6) Bus license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,144;

4 (7) Choose Life License Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,232  
5 and 60-3,233;

6 (8) Commercial motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to  
7 section 60-3,147;

8 (9) Dealer or manufacturer license plates issued pursuant to  
9 sections 60-3,114 and 60-3,115;

10 (10) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section  
11 60-3,124;

12 (11) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section  
13 60-3,151;

14 (12) Farm truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;

15 (13) Farm trucks with a gross weight of over sixteen tons license  
16 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,146;

17 (14) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to section  
18 60-3,151;

19 (15) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections  
20 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;

21 (16) Handicapped or disabled person license plates issued pursuant  
22 to section 60-3,113;

23 (17) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to sections  
24 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;

25 (18) Local truck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,145;

26 (19) Metropolitan utilities district license plates issued pursuant  
27 to section 60-3,228;

28 (20) Military Honor Plates issued pursuant to sections 60-3,122.03  
29 and 60-3,122.04;

30 (21) Minitruck license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

31 (22) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or

1 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts  
2 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;

3 (23) Motor vehicles exempt pursuant to section 60-3,107;

4 (24) Motorcycle license plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,100;

5 (25) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections  
6 60-3,226 and 60-3,227;

7 (26) Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates issued  
8 pursuant to sections 60-3,234 and 60-3,235;

9 (27) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections  
10 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;

11 (28) Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates issued pursuant to  
12 sections 60-3,223 to 60-3,225;

13 (29) Nonresident owner thirty-day license plates issued pursuant to  
14 section 60-382;

15 (30) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less  
16 and not used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than  
17 autocycles;

18 (31) Passenger car having a seating capacity of ten persons or less  
19 and used for hire issued pursuant to section 60-3,143 other than  
20 autocycles;

21 (32) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section  
22 60-3,122;

23 (33) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section  
24 60-3,116;

25 (34) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,  
26 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and  
27 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to  
28 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

29 (35) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section  
30 60-3,123;

31 (36) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to section

1 60-3,228;

2 (37) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section  
3 60-3,125;

4 (38) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section  
5 60-3,151;

6 (39) Repossession license plates issued pursuant to section 60-375;

7 (40) Special interest motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant  
8 to section 60-3,135.01;

9 (41) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections  
10 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

11 (42) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 17 and 18  
12 of this act;

13 (43) ~~(42)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or  
14 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts  
15 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

16 (44) ~~(43)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section  
17 60-3,100;

18 (45) ~~(44)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or  
19 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district  
20 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

21 (46) ~~(45)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

22 (47) ~~(46)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section  
23 60-378;

24 (48) ~~(47)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or  
25 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water  
26 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and  
27 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water  
28 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section  
29 60-3,149;

30 (49) ~~(48)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section  
31 60-3,151; and

1           ~~(50)~~ ~~(49)~~ Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license  
2 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

3           Sec. 9. Section 60-3,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2018, is amended to read:

5           60-3,122 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required  
6 by section 60-385, apply to the department for license plates designed by  
7 the department to indicate that he or she is a survivor of the Japanese  
8 attack on Pearl Harbor if he or she:

9           (a) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,  
10 1941;

11           (b) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55  
12 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or  
13 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

14           (c) Was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of  
15 honorable from the United States Armed Forces; and

16           (d) Holds a current membership in a Nebraska Chapter of the Pearl  
17 Harbor Survivors Association.

18           (2) Pearl Harbor The license plates shall be issued upon the  
19 applicant paying the ~~regular~~ license plate fee as provided in subsection  
20 (3) of this section and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department  
21 that the applicant fulfills the requirements provided by subsection (1)  
22 of this section. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers  
23 owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles  
24 and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

25           ~~(3)~~ Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for Pearl Harbor license  
26 plates shall pay the license plate fee required under section 60-3,102.  
27 Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be required for  
28 Pearl Harbor license plates.

29           ~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued pursuant to this section are  
30 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued  
31 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

1       (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this  
2 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate  
3 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates  
4 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the  
5 applicant annually.

6       Sec. 10. Section 60-3,122.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
7 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

8       60-3,122.02 (1) A person may apply to the department for Gold Star  
9 Family plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application  
10 prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer,  
11 or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under  
12 section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Gold Star Family plate for a  
13 farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the  
14 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make forms  
15 available for such applications through the county treasurers. Gold Star  
16 Family The license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license fee  
17 described in subsection (2) of this section and furnishing proof  
18 satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a surviving spouse,  
19 whether remarried or not, or an ancestor, including a stepparent, a  
20 descendant, including a stepchild, a foster parent or a person in loco  
21 parentis, or a sibling of a person who died while in good standing on  
22 active duty in the military service of the United States.

23       (2)(a)(i) Until January 1, 2021, each (2)(a) Each application for  
24 initial issuance of consecutively numbered Gold Star Family plates shall  
25 be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. An application for renewal of  
26 such plates shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County  
27 treasurers collecting fees for renewals pursuant to this subdivision  
28 shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit  
29 five dollars of the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates  
30 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

31       (ii) Beginning January 1, 2021, no additional fee shall be required

1 for consecutively numbered Gold Star Family plates issued under this  
2 section and such plates shall not require the payment of any additional  
3 license plate fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to  
4 which the plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly  
5 registered by the applicant annually.

6 (b)(i) ~~(b)~~ Each application for initial issuance of personalized  
7 message Gold Star Family plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty  
8 dollars. An application for renewal of such plates shall be accompanied  
9 by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees for renewals  
10 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The  
11 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial  
12 issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles  
13 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran  
14 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

15 (ii) Beginning January 1, 2021:

16 (A) No license plate fee under section 60-3,102 shall be required  
17 for personalized message Gold Star Family plates issued under this  
18 section, other than the renewal fee provided for in subdivision (2)(b)(i)  
19 of this section; and

20 (B) Such plates shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to  
21 which the plates are registered as long as the vehicle is properly  
22 registered by the applicant annually and the renewal fee provided for in  
23 subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section is paid.

24 (3) ~~When~~ Until January 1, 2019, when the department receives an  
25 application for Gold Star Family plates, the department shall deliver the  
26 plates to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle  
27 or trailer is registered. Beginning January 1, 2019, when the department  
28 receives an application for Gold Star Family plates, the department may  
29 deliver the plates and registration certificate to the applicant by  
30 United States mail or to the county treasurer of the county in which the  
31 motor vehicle or trailer is registered and the delivery of the plates and

1 registration certificate shall be made through a secure process and  
2 system. The county treasurer or the department shall issue Gold Star  
3 Family plates in lieu of regular license plates when the applicant  
4 complies with the other provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act  
5 for registration of the motor vehicle or trailer. If Gold Star Family  
6 plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued  
7 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

8 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Gold Star Family  
9 plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred  
10 to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which such plates were  
11 originally purchased if such vehicle is owned by the owner of the plates.  
12 The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for the plates, if any,  
13 credited to the other vehicle which will bear the plates at the rate of  
14 eight and one-third percent per month for each full month left in the  
15 registration period. Until January 1, 2021, application ~~Application~~ for  
16 such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Beginning  
17 January 1, 2021, no such fee shall be required. Fees collected pursuant  
18 to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to  
19 the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

20 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Gold Star Family plates at any time  
21 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section  
22 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery  
23 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway  
24 Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing  
25 costs of Gold Star Family plates and the amount charged pursuant to  
26 section 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be  
27 credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

28 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
29 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

30 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be  
31 known as Military Honor Plates.

1           (2)(a) Until January 1, 2021, the ~~The~~ department shall create  
2 designs honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United  
3 States Army, United States Army Reserve, United States Navy, United  
4 States Navy Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine  
5 Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard  
6 Reserve, United States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, or  
7 National Guard; and

8           (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, the department shall create designs  
9 honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United States  
10 Army, United States Army Reserve, United States Navy, United States Navy  
11 Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve,  
12 United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United  
13 States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, or  
14 Army National Guard.

15           (3) There shall be eleven such designs until January 1, 2021, and  
16 twelve such designs beginning January 1, 2021, one for each of such armed  
17 forces reflecting its official emblem, official seal, or other official  
18 image. The issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be  
19 conditioned on the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to  
20 the official emblem, official seal, or other official image.

21           (4) By January 1, 2021, the department shall create five additional  
22 designs honoring persons who are serving or have served in the armed  
23 forces of the United States and who have been awarded the Afghanistan  
24 Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
25 Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service  
26 Medal.

27           (5) A person may qualify for a Military Honor Plate by registering  
28 with the Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The  
29 Department of Motor Vehicles shall verify the applicant's eligibility for  
30 a plate created pursuant to this section by consulting the registry  
31 established by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.



1           ~~(6)~~ ~~(2)~~ The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the  
2 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the  
3 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The  
4 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each  
5 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and  
6 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section  
7 60-3,122.04.

8           ~~(7)~~ ~~(3)~~ One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric  
9 plates. The department shall:

10           (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

11           (b) Not use a county designation.

12           ~~(8)~~ ~~(4)~~ One type of Military Honor Plates shall be personalized  
13 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same  
14 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section  
15 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

16           Sec. 12. Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
17 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

18           60-3,122.04 (1) An eligible person may apply to the department for  
19 Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application  
20 prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer,  
21 or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under  
22 section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military Honor Plate for a  
23 farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the  
24 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make forms  
25 available for such applications through the county treasurers. The  
26 license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license fee described  
27 in subsection (2) of this section and verification by the department of  
28 an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the  
29 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. To be  
30 eligible an applicant shall be (a) active duty or reserve duty armed  
31 forces personnel serving in any of the armed forces listed in subsection

1 (2) ~~(1)~~ of section 60-3,122.03, (b) a veteran of any of such armed forces  
2 who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of  
3 honorable or general (under honorable conditions), ~~or~~ (c) a current or  
4 former commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service or  
5 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who has been detailed  
6 directly to any branch of such armed forces for service on active or  
7 reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a  
8 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) as  
9 proven with valid orders from the United States Department of Defense, a  
10 statement of service provided by the United States Public Health Service,  
11 or a report of transfer or discharge provided by the National Oceanic and  
12 Atmospheric Administration, or (d) a person who is serving or has served  
13 in the armed forces of the United States and who has been awarded the  
14 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
15 Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, or Vietnam Service  
16 Medal. Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the plates  
17 to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for the  
18 plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon surrender  
19 of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee and  
20 forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar transfer  
21 fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department  
22 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

23 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
24 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance  
25 or renewal of alphanumeric Military Honor Plates shall be accompanied by  
26 a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this  
27 subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer  
28 shall credit five dollars of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery  
29 System Operation Fund.

30 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
31 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance

1 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be  
2 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees  
3 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The  
4 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial  
5 issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles  
6 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran  
7 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

8 (3) ~~When Until January 1, 2019, when the Department of Motor~~  
9 ~~Vehicles receives an application for Military Honor Plates, the~~  
10 ~~department shall deliver the plates to the county treasurer of the county~~  
11 ~~in which the motor vehicle or trailer is registered. Beginning January 1,~~  
12 ~~2019, when~~ the department receives an application for Military Honor  
13 Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration  
14 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county  
15 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle or trailer is  
16 registered and the delivery of the plates and registration certificate  
17 shall be made through a secure process and system. The county treasurer  
18 or the department shall issue Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular  
19 license plates when the applicant complies with the other provisions of  
20 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the motor vehicle  
21 or trailer. If Military Honor Plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the  
22 licensee shall be issued replacement license plates upon request pursuant  
23 to section 60-3,157.

24 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Military Honor  
25 Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred  
26 to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for  
27 which such plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle or  
28 trailer is owned by the owner of the plates. The owner may have the  
29 unused portion of the fee for the plates credited to the other motor  
30 vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and  
31 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration

1 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of  
2 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be  
3 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor  
4 Vehicles Cash Fund.

5 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time  
6 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section  
7 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery  
8 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway  
9 Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing  
10 costs of Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section  
11 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited  
12 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

13 (6) If the director discovers evidence of fraud in an application  
14 for Military Honor Plates or that the holder is no longer eligible to  
15 have Military Honor Plates, the director may summarily cancel the plates  
16 and registration and send notice of the cancellation to the holder of the  
17 license plates.

18 Sec. 13. Section 60-3,123, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
19 2018, is amended to read:

20 60-3,123 (1) Any person who was captured and incarcerated by an  
21 enemy of the United States during a period of conflict with such enemy  
22 and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of  
23 honorable from or is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces  
24 may, in addition to the application required in section 60-385, apply to  
25 the department for license plates designed to indicate that he or she is  
26 a former prisoner of war.

27 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the  
28 ~~regular license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section~~  
29 and furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant  
30 was formerly a prisoner of war. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers,  
31 or semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one

1 time. Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall  
2 not be so licensed.

3 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under  
4 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section  
5 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be  
6 required for license plates under this section.

7 (4) ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued under this section are lost,  
8 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the license plates shall be issued  
9 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

10 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this  
11 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate  
12 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates  
13 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the  
14 applicant annually.

15 Sec. 14. Section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
16 2018, is amended to read:

17 60-3,124 (1) Any person who is a veteran of the United States Armed  
18 Forces, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization  
19 of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), and who is  
20 classified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as one  
21 hundred percent service-connected disabled may, in addition to the  
22 application required in section 60-385, apply to the Department of Motor  
23 Vehicles for license plates designed by the department to indicate that  
24 the applicant is a disabled veteran. The inscription on the license  
25 plates shall be D.A.V. immediately below the license plate number to  
26 indicate that the holder of the license plates is a disabled veteran.

27 (2) The plates shall be issued upon the applicant paying the ~~regular~~  
28 license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and  
29 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant is a  
30 disabled veteran. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers  
31 owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time. Motor vehicles

1 and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not be so licensed.

2 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under  
3 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section  
4 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be  
5 required for license plates under this section.

6 (4) ~~(3)~~ If the license plates issued under this section are lost,  
7 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued  
8 replacement license plates as provided in section 60-3,157.

9 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this  
10 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate  
11 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates  
12 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the  
13 applicant annually.

14 Sec. 15. Section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2018, is amended to read:

16 60-3,125 (1) Any person may, in addition to the application required  
17 by section 60-385, apply to the department for license plates designed by  
18 the department to indicate that the applicant has received from the  
19 federal government an award of a Purple Heart. The inscription of the  
20 plates shall be designed so as to include a facsimile of the award and  
21 beneath any numerical designation upon the plates pursuant to section  
22 60-370 the words Purple Heart separately on one line and the words Combat  
23 Wounded on the line below.

24 (2) The license plates shall be issued upon payment of the ~~regular~~  
25 license plate fee as provided in subsection (3) of this section and  
26 furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant was  
27 awarded the Purple Heart. Any number of motor vehicles, trailers, or  
28 semitrailers owned by the applicant may be so licensed at any one time.  
29 Motor vehicles and trailers registered under section 60-3,198 shall not  
30 be so licensed.

31 (3) Until January 1, 2021, the applicant for license plates under

1 this section shall pay the license plate fee required under section  
2 60-3,102. Beginning January 1, 2021, no license plate fee shall be  
3 required for license plates under this section.

4 (4) ~~(3)~~ If license plates issued pursuant to this section are lost,  
5 stolen, or mutilated, the recipient of the plates shall be issued  
6 replacement license plates upon request and without charge.

7 (5) Beginning January 1, 2021, license plates issued under this  
8 section shall not require the payment of any additional license plate  
9 fees and shall be permanently attached to the vehicle to which the plates  
10 are registered as long as the vehicle is properly registered by the  
11 applicant annually.

12 Sec. 16. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
13 Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

14 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible for  
15 registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate or plates  
16 designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model year when  
17 the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the plates designed pursuant to  
18 section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of the department. The  
19 department shall inspect the plate or plates and may approve the plate or  
20 plates if it is determined that the model-year license plate or plates  
21 are legible and serviceable and that the license plate numbers do not  
22 conflict with or duplicate other numbers assigned and in use. An  
23 original-issued license plate or plates that have been restored to  
24 original condition may be used when approved by the department.

25 (2) The department may consult with a recognized car club in  
26 determining whether the year of the license plate or plates to be used  
27 corresponds to the model year when the vehicle was manufactured.

28 (3) If only one license plate is used on the vehicle, the license  
29 plate shall be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The owner of a  
30 historical vehicle may use only one plate on the vehicle even for years  
31 in which two license plates were issued for vehicles in general.

1 (4) License plates used pursuant to this section corresponding to  
2 the year of manufacture of the vehicle shall not be personalized message  
3 license plates, Pearl Harbor license plates, prisoner-of-war license  
4 plates, disabled veteran license plates, Purple Heart license plates,  
5 amateur radio station license plates, Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates,  
6 handicapped or disabled person license plates, specialty license plates,  
7 special interest motor vehicle license plates, Military Honor Plates,  
8 Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Plates, Breast Cancer Awareness Plates,  
9 Mountain Lion Conservation Plates, Choose Life License Plates, ~~or~~ Native  
10 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates, or Support Our Troops  
11 Plates.

12 Sec. 17. (1) The department shall design license plates to be known  
13 as Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall create a design  
14 reflecting support for troops from all branches of the armed forces. The  
15 design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the manufacturing cost  
16 of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for  
17 license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The department shall make  
18 applications available for this type of plate by January 1, 2021. The  
19 department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out  
20 this section and section 18 of this act.

21 (2) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be alphanumeric  
22 plates. The department shall:

23 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and

24 (b) Not use a county designation.

25 (3) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be personalized  
26 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same  
27 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section  
28 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

29 Sec. 18. (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, a person may apply to the  
30 department for Support Our Troops Plates in lieu of regular license  
31 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department for



1 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle,  
2 trailer, or semitrailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant  
3 receiving a Support Our Troops Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight  
4 of over sixteen tons shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the  
5 plate. The department shall make forms available for such applications  
6 through the county treasurers. The license plates shall be issued upon  
7 payment of the license fee described in subsection (2) of this section.

8 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
9 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance  
10 of alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee  
11 of five dollars. An application for renewal of such plates shall be  
12 accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees  
13 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State  
14 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to  
15 the Veterans Employment Program Fund.

16 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under  
17 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance  
18 or renewal of personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be  
19 accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. County treasurers collecting  
20 fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State  
21 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the  
22 fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of  
23 Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the  
24 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

25 (3) When the department receives an application for Support Our  
26 Troops Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration  
27 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county  
28 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or  
29 semitrailer is registered and the delivery of the plates and registration  
30 certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. The county  
31 treasurer or the department shall issue Support Our Troops Plates in lieu

1 of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the other  
2 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the  
3 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If Support Our Troops Plates are  
4 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued replacement  
5 license plates upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157.

6 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer bearing  
7 Support Our Troops Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such  
8 plates transferred to a motor vehicle other than the vehicle for which  
9 such plates were originally purchased if such vehicle is owned by the  
10 owner of the plates. The owner may have the unused portion of the fee for  
11 the plates credited to the other vehicle which will bear the plates at  
12 the rate of eight and one-third percent per month for each full month  
13 left in the registration period. Application for such transfer shall be  
14 accompanied by a fee of three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this  
15 subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the  
16 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

17 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Support Our Troops Plates at any  
18 time exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section  
19 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Veterans Employment Program  
20 Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an  
21 amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of Support  
22 Our Troops Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102  
23 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the  
24 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

25 Sec. 19. The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund  
26 shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 18 of this act and  
27 any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be  
28 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, which shall use the  
29 fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently released  
30 from service to live and work in Nebraska, including the development and  
31 implementation of a web site as required by section 1 of this act. Any

1 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
2 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
3 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

4       Sec. 20.   Original section 60-3,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, and sections 55-601, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104,  
6 60-3,122, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,123, 60-3,124,  
7 60-3,125, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018,  
8 are repealed.