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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-301,
2 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, and
3 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to
4 provide for additional Military Honor Plates and Support Our Troops
5 Plates; to create a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
6 original sections.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2018, is amended to read:

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

5 Sec. 2. Section 60-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2018, is amended to read:

7 60-393 Any owner who has two or more motor vehicles or trailers
8 required to be registered under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act may
9 register all such motor vehicles or trailers on a calendar-year basis or
10 on an annual basis for the same registration period beginning in a month
11 chosen by the owner. When electing to establish the same registration
12 period for all such motor vehicles or trailers, the owner shall pay the
13 registration fee, the motor vehicle tax imposed in section 60-3,185, the
14 motor vehicle fee imposed in section 60-3,190, and the alternative fuel
15 fee imposed in section 60-3,191 on each motor vehicle for the number of
16 months necessary to extend its current registration period to the
17 registration period under which all such motor vehicles or trailers will
18 be registered. Credit shall be given for registration paid on each motor
19 vehicle or trailer when the motor vehicle or trailer has a later
20 expiration date than that chosen by the owner except as otherwise
21 provided in sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
22 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,233, and 60-3,235, and section 10 of this act.
23 Thereafter all such motor vehicles or trailers shall be registered on an
24 annual basis starting in the month chosen by the owner.

25 Sec. 3. Section 60-395, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
26 2018, is amended to read:

27 60-395 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
28 section and sections 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,128,
29 60-3,224, 60-3,227, 60-3,231, 60-3,233, and 60-3,235, and section 10 of
30 this act, the registration shall expire and the registered owner or
31 lessee may, by returning the registration certificate, the license

1 plates, and, when appropriate, the validation decals and by either making
2 application on a form prescribed by the department to the county
3 treasurer of the occurrence of an event described in subdivisions (a)
4 through (e) of this subsection or, in the case of a change in situs,
5 displaying to the county treasurer the registration certificate of such
6 other state as evidence of a change in situs, receive a refund of that
7 part of the unused fees and taxes on motor vehicles or trailers based on
8 the number of unexpired months remaining in the registration period from
9 the date of any of the following events:

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (2) If the date of the event falls within the same calendar month in
25 which the motor vehicle or trailer is acquired, no refund shall be
26 allowed for such month.

27 (3) If the transferor or lessee acquires another motor vehicle at
28 the time of the transfer, trade-in, or surrender, the transferor or
29 lessee shall have the credit provided for in this section applied toward
30 payment of the motor vehicle fees and taxes then owing. Otherwise, the
31 transferor or lessee shall file a claim for refund with the county

1 treasurer upon an application form prescribed by the department.

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

6 (5) For purposes of this section, the date of the event shall be:

7 (a) In the case of a transfer or loss, the date of the transfer or loss;
8 (b) in the case of a change in the situs, the date of registration in
9 another state; (c) in the case of a trade-in or surrender under a lease,
10 the date of trade-in or surrender; (d) in the case of a legislative act,
11 the effective date of the act; and (e) in the case of a court decision,
12 the date the decision is rendered.

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

16 (7) If a motor vehicle or trailer was reported stolen under section
17 60-178, a refund under this section shall not be reduced for a lost plate
18 charge and a credit under this section may be reduced for a lost plate
19 charge but the applicant shall not be required to pay the plate fee for
20 new plates.

21 (8) The county treasurer shall refund the motor vehicle fee and
22 registration fee from the fees which have not been transferred to the
23 State Treasurer. The county treasurer shall make payment to the claimant
24 from the undistributed motor vehicle taxes of the taxing unit where the
25 tax money was originally distributed. No refund of less than two dollars
26 shall be paid.

27 Sec. 4. Section 60-396, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
28 2018, is amended to read:

29 60-396 Whenever the registered owner files an application with the
30 county treasurer showing that a motor vehicle or trailer is disabled and
31 has been removed from service, the registered owner may, by returning the

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

1 for the remainder of the registration year.

2 Sec. 5. Section 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2018, is amended to read:

4 60-3,104 The department shall issue the following types of license
5 plates:

6 (1) Amateur radio station license plates issued pursuant to section
7 60-3,126;

8 (2) Apportionable vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
9 60-3,203;

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

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

12 (5) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates issued pursuant to sections
13 60-3,230 and 60-3,231;

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

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

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

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

21 (10) Disabled veteran license plates issued pursuant to section
22 60-3,124;

23 (11) Farm trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
24 60-3,151;

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

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

28 (14) Fertilizer trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
29 60-3,151;

30 (15) Gold Star Family license plates issued pursuant to sections
31 60-3,122.01 and 60-3,122.02;

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

3 (17) Historical vehicle license plates issued pursuant to sections
4 60-3,130 to 60-3,134;

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

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

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

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

11 (22) Motor vehicle license plates for motor vehicles owned or
12 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
13 issued pursuant to section 60-3,105;

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

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

16 (25) Mountain Lion Conservation Plates issued pursuant to sections
17 60-3,226 and 60-3,227;

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

20 (27) Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates issued pursuant to sections
21 60-3,127 to 60-3,129;

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

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

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

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

1 (32) Pearl Harbor license plates issued pursuant to section
2 60-3,122;

3 (33) Personal-use dealer license plates issued pursuant to section
4 60-3,116;

5 (34) Personalized message license plates for motor vehicles,
6 trailers, and semitrailers, except motor vehicles, trailers, and
7 semitrailers registered under section 60-3,198, issued pursuant to
8 sections 60-3,118 to 60-3,121;

9 (35) Prisoner-of-war license plates issued pursuant to section
10 60-3,123;

11 (36) Public power district license plates issued pursuant to section
12 60-3,228;

13 (37) Purple Heart license plates issued pursuant to section
14 60-3,125;

15 (38) Recreational vehicle license plates issued pursuant to section
16 60-3,151;

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

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

20 (41) Specialty license plates issued pursuant to sections
21 60-3,104.01 and 60-3,104.02;

22 (42) Support Our Troops Plates issued pursuant to sections 9 and 10
23 of this act;

24 (43) ~~(42)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
25 operated by the state, counties, municipalities, or school districts
26 issued pursuant to section 60-3,106;

27 (44) ~~(43)~~ Trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
28 60-3,100;

29 (45) ~~(44)~~ Trailer license plates issued for trailers owned or
30 operated by a metropolitan utilities district or public power district
31 pursuant to section 60-3,228;

1 ~~(46)~~ ~~(45)~~ Trailers exempt pursuant to section 60-3,108;

2 ~~(47)~~ ~~(46)~~ Transporter license plates issued pursuant to section
3 60-378;

4 ~~(48)~~ ~~(47)~~ Trucks or combinations of trucks, truck-tractors, or
5 trailers which are not for hire and engaged in soil and water
6 conservation work and used for the purpose of transporting pipe and
7 equipment exclusively used by such contractors for soil and water
8 conservation construction license plates issued pursuant to section
9 60-3,149;

10 ~~(49)~~ ~~(48)~~ Utility trailer license plates issued pursuant to section
11 60-3,151; and

12 ~~(50)~~ ~~(49)~~ Well-boring apparatus and well-servicing equipment license
13 plates issued pursuant to section 60-3,109.

14 Sec. 6. Section 60-3,122.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
15 2018, is amended to read:

16 60-3,122.03 (1) The department shall design license plates to be
17 known as Military Honor Plates. The department shall create designs
18 honoring persons who have served or are serving in the United States
19 Army, United States Army Reserve, United States Navy, United States Navy
20 Reserve, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve,
21 United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United
22 States Air Force, United States Air Force Reserve, or National Guard.
23 There shall be eleven such designs, one for each of such armed forces
24 reflecting its official emblem, official seal, or other official image.
25 The issuance of plates for each of such armed forces shall be conditioned
26 on the approval of the armed forces owning the copyright to the official
27 emblem, official seal, or other official image. By January 1, 2021, the
28 department shall create four additional designs honoring persons who are
29 serving or have served in the armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, the
30 Persian Gulf War, and the Vietnam War. A person may qualify for a
31 Military Honor Plate by registering with the Department of Veterans'

1 Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. The Department of Motor Vehicles
2 shall verify the applicant's eligibility for a plate created pursuant to
3 this section by consulting the registry established by the Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs.

5 (2) The design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the
6 manufacturing cost of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the
7 amount charged for license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The
8 Department of Motor Vehicles shall make applications available for each
9 type of plate when it is designed. The department may adopt and
10 promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section and section
11 60-3,122.04.

12 (3) One type of Military Honor Plates shall be alphanumeric plates.
13 The department shall:

- 14 (a) Assign a designation up to five characters; and
- 15 (b) Not use a county designation.

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

20 Sec. 7. Section 60-3,122.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2018, is amended to read:

22 60-3,122.04 (1) An eligible person may apply to the department for
23 Military Honor Plates in lieu of regular license plates on an application
24 prescribed and provided by the department for any motor vehicle, trailer,
25 or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle or trailer registered under
26 section 60-3,198. An applicant receiving a Military Honor Plate for a
27 farm truck with a gross weight of over sixteen tons shall affix the
28 appropriate tonnage decal to the plate. The department shall make forms
29 available for such applications through the county treasurers. The
30 license plates shall be issued upon payment of the license fee described
31 in subsection (2) of this section and verification by the department of

1 an applicant's eligibility using the registry established by the
2 Department of Veterans' Affairs pursuant to section 80-414. To be
3 eligible an applicant shall be (a) active duty or reserve duty armed
4 forces personnel serving in any of the armed forces listed in subsection
5 (1) of section 60-3,122.03, (b) a veteran of any of such armed forces who
6 was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
7 honorable or general (under honorable conditions), ~~or~~ (c) a current or
8 former commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service or
9 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who has been detailed
10 directly to any branch of such armed forces for service on active or
11 reserve duty and who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
12 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) as
13 proven with valid orders from the United States Department of Defense, a
14 statement of service provided by the United States Public Health Service,
15 or a report of transfer or discharge provided by the National Oceanic and
16 Atmospheric Administration, or (d) a person who is serving or has served
17 in the armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf War, or the
18 Vietnam War. Any person using Military Honor Plates shall surrender the
19 plates to the county treasurer if such person is no longer eligible for
20 the plates. Regular plates shall be issued to any such person upon
21 surrender of the Military Honor Plates for a three-dollar transfer fee
22 and forfeiture of any of the remaining annual fee. The three-dollar
23 transfer fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
24 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

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

1 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
2 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
3 or renewal of personalized message Military Honor Plates shall be
4 accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. County treasurers collecting fees
5 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The
6 State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial
7 issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles
8 Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Nebraska Veteran
9 Cemetery System Operation Fund.

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

26 (4) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer bearing Military Honor
27 Plates may apply to the county treasurer to have such plates transferred
28 to a motor vehicle or trailer other than the motor vehicle or trailer for
29 which such plates were originally purchased if such motor vehicle or
30 trailer is owned by the owner of the plates. The owner may have the
31 unused portion of the fee for the plates credited to the other motor

1 vehicle or trailer which will bear the plates at the rate of eight and
2 one-third percent per month for each full month left in the registration
3 period. Application for such transfer shall be accompanied by a fee of
4 three dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
5 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor
6 Vehicles Cash Fund.

7 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Military Honor Plates at any time
8 exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
9 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery
10 System Operation Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway
11 Trust Fund in an amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing
12 costs of Military Honor Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section
13 60-3,102 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited
14 to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund.

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

20 Sec. 8. Section 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
21 2018, is amended to read:

22 60-3,130.04 (1) An owner of a historical vehicle eligible for
23 registration under section 60-3,130 may use a license plate or plates
24 designed by this state in the year corresponding to the model year when
25 the vehicle was manufactured in lieu of the plates designed pursuant to
26 section 60-3,130.03 subject to the approval of the department. The
27 department shall inspect the plate or plates and may approve the plate or
28 plates if it is determined that the model-year license plate or plates
29 are legible and serviceable and that the license plate numbers do not
30 conflict with or duplicate other numbers assigned and in use. An
31 original-issued license plate or plates that have been restored to

1 original condition may be used when approved by the department.

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

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

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

20 Sec. 9. (1) The department shall design license plates to be known
21 as Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall create a design
22 reflecting support for troops from all branches of the armed forces. The
23 design shall be selected on the basis of limiting the manufacturing cost
24 of each plate to an amount less than or equal to the amount charged for
25 license plates pursuant to section 60-3,102. The department shall make
26 applications available for this type of plate by January 1, 2021. The
27 department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out
28 this section and section 10 of this act.

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

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

1 (b) Not use a county designation.

2 (3) One type of Support Our Troops Plates shall be personalized
3 message plates. Such plates shall be issued subject to the same
4 conditions specified for personalized message license plates in section
5 60-3,118, except that a maximum of five characters may be used.

6 Sec. 10. (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, a person may apply to the
7 department for Support Our Troops Plates in lieu of regular license
8 plates on an application prescribed and provided by the department for
9 any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except for a motor vehicle,
10 trailer, or semitrailer registered under section 60-3,198. An applicant
11 receiving a Support Our Troops Plate for a farm truck with a gross weight
12 of over sixteen tons shall affix the appropriate tonnage decal to the
13 plate. The department shall make forms available for such applications
14 through the county treasurers. The license plates shall be issued upon
15 payment of the license fee described in subsection (2) of this section.

16 (2)(a) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
17 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
18 of alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee
19 of five dollars. An application for renewal of such plates shall be
20 accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees
21 pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State Treasurer. The
22 State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to the Veterans
23 Employment Program Fund.

24 (b) In addition to all other fees required for registration under
25 the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance
26 or renewal of personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be
27 accompanied by a fee of seventy dollars. County treasurers collecting
28 fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit them to the State
29 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the
30 fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of
31 Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the

1 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

2 (3) When the department receives an application for Support Our
3 Troops Plates, the department may deliver the plates and registration
4 certificate to the applicant by United States mail or to the county
5 treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or
6 semitrailer is registered and the delivery of the plates and registration
7 certificate shall be made through a secure process and system. The county
8 treasurer or the department shall issue Support Our Troops Plates in lieu
9 of regular license plates when the applicant complies with the other
10 provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for registration of the
11 motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer. If Support Our Troops Plates are
12 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the licensee shall be issued replacement
13 license plates upon request pursuant to section 60-3,157.

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

25 (5) If the cost of manufacturing Support Our Troops Plates at any
26 time exceeds the amount charged for license plates pursuant to section
27 60-3,102, any money to be credited to the Veterans Employment Program
28 Fund shall instead be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund in an
29 amount equal to the difference between the manufacturing costs of Support
30 Our Troops Plates and the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102
31 with respect to such plates and the remainder shall be credited to the

1 Veterans Employment Program Fund.

2 Sec. 11. The Veterans Employment Program Fund is created. The fund
3 shall consist of money credited pursuant to section 10 of this act and
4 any other money as appropriated by the Legislature. The fund shall be
5 administered by the Department of Economic Development, which shall use
6 the fund for recruiting and education to attract veterans recently
7 released from service to live and work in Nebraska. Any money in the fund
8 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
9 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
10 State Funds Investment Act.

11 Sec. 12. Original sections 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396,
12 60-3,104, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,122.04, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes
13 Cumulative Supplement, 2018, are repealed.