

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB78**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 25, 2021  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Gragert  
**One Liner:** Require applicants for certain license plates to register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, M., DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hughes, Moser  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tim Gragert  
James Lutz  
Thomas McBride  
John McNally

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Military Order of the Purple Hearts, Chapter 200  
NE Dept of Veterans' Affairs

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB78 would require applicants for certain veteran-specific specialty license plates to register with the Department Veterans' Affairs. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would then use this Department of Veterans' Affairs registry to determine the individual's eligibility for these plates. Current law only provides that an applicant for certain military plates should "furnish proof satisfactory to the department that the applicant was {eligible for the plate in question}." This change would apply to Gold Star Family plates, Ex-Prisoner of War plates, Disabled American Veteran plates, and Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Plates. This registry is currently used to verify information from applicants for Military Honor plates and for veteran designations on an operator's license or state ID.

Section 1 - amends section 60-3,122.02

Lists familial-closeness requirements for applicants for a Gold Star Family plate, and directs the DMV to use the Department of Veterans' Affairs registry when determining eligibility.

Section 2 - amends section 60-3,123

Directs the DMV to use the Department of Veterans' Affairs registry to determine eligibility for Ex-Prisoner-of-War' plates.

Section 3 - amends section 60-3,124

Directs the DMV to use the Department of Veterans' Affairs registry to determine eligibility for Disabled American Veteran plates.

Section 4 - amends section 60-3,125

Directs the DMV to use the Department of Veterans' Affairs registry to determine eligibility for Purple Heart Plates.

Section 5 - amends section 80-414

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a registry of Nebraska residents that meet the requirements for Gold Star Family plates, Military Honor plates, prisoner-of-war plates, disabled veterans plates, Purple Heart plates, and that qualify for veteran designation on an operator's license or a state identification card, and requires applicants to register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Section 6

Sets an operative date of January 1, 2022.

Section 7

Repeals original sections.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson