

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB786

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 21, 2026
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Sanders
One Liner: Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, create a fund, provide for grants to certain needy service members, and provide duties to the Adjutant General

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Hunt, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Guereca
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Rita Sanders
Major General Craig Strong

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Military Department

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to provisions of law relating to Military Honor Plates and the proceeds from the sale of such license plates.

Section 1 would revise Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-3,122.03 to update the formatting of the list of armed forces for which military honor plates are to be designed and offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). It also would eliminate obsolete language from this section of law.

Section 2 would revise Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-3,122.04 and make changes relating to the transfer of funds collected from the fees assessed for issue of military honor plates. In addition to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund, this bill would add as a designated recipient the Military Department Aid Fund. This section also includes harmonizing changes.



Section 3 would create the Military Department Aid Fund and provide that it would be administered by the Adjutant General and would consist of gifts, grants, bequests, as well as public monies received under this bill or by another act of the Legislature. Such monies would be invested by the state investment officer, with interest or realized capital gains credited to the fund. This section would also authorize the Adjutant General to award grants from the fund pursuant to the provisions of section 4 of this bill.

Section 4 would create a process by which a member of the Military Department could apply to the Adjutant General for a grant, on a form prescribed by the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General would be authorized to award such grants according to the rules and regulations promulgated by the Adjutant General. No reimbursement of such grants could be required of any recipient. The Adjutant General would be given until January 1, 2027 to promulgate related rules and regulations, and would be granted permissive rulemaking authority to carry out the law.

Section 5 contains the repealer.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

