

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1073

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-418, IDAHO CODE, TO  
PROVIDE FOR AN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ VETERANS LICENSE PLATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-418, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

49-418. VETERANS PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle  
registered under the provisions of section 49-402 or 49-434(1), Idaho Code,  
may apply for and upon department approval receive special veterans license  
plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section  
shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over  
twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of veterans plates for  
other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the  
department.

(2) Proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed  
forces must be furnished to the department before special veterans plates  
will be issued. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equiva-  
lent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section  
49-402(1) or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial pro-  
gram fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the annual program fee of fif-  
teen dollars (\$15.00) as specified in section 49-402, Idaho Code, and the  
plate fee specified in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of  
the initial program fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the annual program fee  
shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund  
the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Fifteen  
dollars (\$15.00) of the initial program fee and five dollars (\$5.00) of the  
annual program fee shall be deposited to the veterans cemetery maintenance  
fund created in section 65-107, Idaho Code, and shall be used to operate and  
maintain a state veterans cemetery.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the pro-  
visions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer  
the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer  
fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt  
of the new registration from the department.

(5) The veterans license plate design shall include the colors red,  
white and blue, shall designate one (1) of the five (5) branches of military  
service, and display either:

(a) The word "VETERAN"; ~~or~~

(b) The name of a conflict or war period recognized by the United States  
department of veterans affairs for the purpose of awarding federal vet-  
erans benefits as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(11); or

1        (c) For a current or former member of the United States armed forces who  
2        has served in Afghanistan or Iraq during the post 9/11 global operations  
3        period, as defined in 38 U.S.C. section 4110A(c), the name of the post  
4        9/11 global operations theater.

5        The license plate design shall comply with all applicable rules of the de-  
6        partment, and shall include a separate and distinct numbering system. The  
7        design, color, and numbering system shall be subject to approval of the de-  
8        partment.

9        (6) Veterans license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles  
10       owned by the surviving spouse of a qualified veteran. In addition, the sur-  
11       viving spouse of a deceased qualified veteran is eligible to reapply for and  
12       shall be issued veterans license plates if the deceased qualified veteran  
13       died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reap-  
14       plication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the  
15       surviving spouse.