

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1339

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-403A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
2 FOR A DISABILITY SYMBOL ON A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT LICENSE PLATE; AND
3 AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SEC-
4 TION 49-403C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTOR-
5 CYCLE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 49-403A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 49-403A. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT -- LICENSE PLATES. (1) Purple heart
11 recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or
12 an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States,
13 reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who furnishes proof of entitle-
14 ment by providing one (1) of the following documents:

15 (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the
16 purple heart medal;

17 (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

18 (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the
19 applicant.

20 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be
21 charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever title
22 or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is
23 transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart
24 recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the re-
25 quired transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new
26 registration from the department. A purple heart recipient shall not regis-
27 ter more than two (2) vehicles under the provisions of this section. The pro-
28 visions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered max-
29 imum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, nor to any vehi-
30 cle registered under section 49-434(5), Idaho Code.

31 (3) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed
32 on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipi-
33 ent. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient
34 is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient license
35 plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of
36 the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such
37 plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

38 (4) The purple heart recipient license plates shall be of a color and
39 design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and
40 approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by
41 the department.

1 (5) Effective January 1, 2015, for those purple heart recipients who
2 are listed as an owner of the vehicle who also qualify as disabled pursuant
3 to section 49-410, Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also
4 appear on the purple heart license plates. Such requirements must be met
5 upon application for the license plates. Those plates with the disability
6 symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the require-
7 ments of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.

8 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
9 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
10 ignated as Section 49-403C, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

11 49-403C. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE. (1) On and
12 after January 1, 2015, any person who is the owner of a motorcycle registered
13 under the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, may apply for and upon
14 department approval receive a purple heart motorcycle license plate in lieu
15 of a regular motorcycle license plate.

16 (2) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any appli-
17 cant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces
18 of the United States, reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who fur-
19 nishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

20 (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the
21 purple heart medal;

22 (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

23 (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the
24 applicant.

25 (3) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be
26 charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever title
27 or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is
28 transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart
29 recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the re-
30 quired transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new
31 registration from the department. A purple heart recipient shall not regis-
32 ter more than two (2) vehicles under the provisions of this section.

33 (4) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed
34 on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipi-
35 ent. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient
36 is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient motor-
37 cycle license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or af-
38 ter January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for
39 the plates. Such plates shall be used on a motorcycle owned by the surviving
40 spouse.

41 (5) The purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates shall be of a
42 color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart associ-
43 ation and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as deter-
44 mined by the department.

45 (6) For those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner on a
46 motorcycle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section 49-410, Idaho
47 Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple
48 heart motorcycle license plates. Such requirements must be met upon appli-
49 cation for the motorcycle license plates. Those plates with the disability

1 symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the require-
2 ments of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.