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IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1226

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

- RELATING TO SPACE FORCE; AMENDING SECTION 49-102, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A
 DEFINITION, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-415D, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
 THE SPACE FORCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION
 6 65-502, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTION 67-9403,
 IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION;
 8 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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SECTION 1. That Section 49-102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 49-102. DEFINITIONS -- A. (1) "Abandon" means to leave a vehicle on 13 private property without the permission of the person having rights to the 14 possession of the property, or on a highway or other property open to the 15 public for the purposes of vehicular traffic or parking, or upon on or within 16 the right-of-way of any highway, for twenty-four (24) hours or longer.

(2) "Abandoned vehicle" means any vehicle observed by an authorized officer or reported by a member of the public to have been left within the limits of any highway or upon on the property of another without the consent of the property owner for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or longer, except that a vehicle shall not be considered abandoned if its owner-operator is unable to remove it from the place where it is located and has notified a law enforcement agency and requested assistance.

(3) "Accident" means any event that results in an unintended injury or
 property damage attributable directly or indirectly to the motion of a motor
 vehicle or its load, a snowmobile or special mobile equipment.

(4) "Actual physical control" means being in the driver's position of amotor vehicle with the motor running or the vehicle moving.

(5) "Administrator" means the federal highway administrator, the chief
 executive of the federal highway administration, an agency within the U.S.
 department of transportation.

(6) "Age of a motor vehicle" means the age determined by subtracting the manufacturer's year designation of the vehicle from the year in which the designated registration fee is paid. If the vehicle has the same manufacturer's year designation as the year in which the fee is paid, or if a vehicle has a manufacturer's year designation later than the year in which the fee is paid, the vehicle shall be deemed to be one (1) year old.

(7) "Agricultural products" means the following unprocessed products:
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41 (b) Fruits and vegetable products;

(c) Field grains, seeds, hay, sod and nursery stock, and other plants, 1 2 plant products, plant byproducts by-products, plant waste and plant 3 compost; Livestock, dairy animals, swine, furbearing animals, poultry, (d) 4 eggs, fish and other aquatic species; 5 (e) Other animals, animal products and animal byproducts by-products, 6 animal waste and animal compost; and 7 (f) Bees, bee products and bee byproducts by-products. 8 (8) "Air-conditioning equipment" means mechanical vapor compression 9 refrigeration equipment which that is used to cool the driver's or passenger 10 passenger's compartment of any motor vehicle. 11 (9) "Alcohol" or "alcoholic beverage" means: 12 (a) Beer as defined in 26 U.S.C. section 5052(a), of the Internal Rev-13 enue Code; 14 (b) Wine of not less than one-half of one a percent (.005%) (0.5%) of 15 16 alcohol by volume; or (c) Distilled spirits as defined in section 26 U.S.C. 5002(a)(8), of 17 the Internal Revenue Code. 18 (10) "Alley" means a public way of limited use intended only to provide 19 20 access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban districts. 21 (11) "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" means an all-terrain vehicle or ATV as defined in section 67-7101, Idaho Code. 22 (12) "Amateur radio operator." (See "Radio operator, amateur," section 23 49-119, Idaho Code) 24 (13) "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for 25 26 the transportation of injured, sick, or deceased persons $_{\tau}$ on stretchers, cots, beds, or other devices for carrying persons in a prone position. 27 (14) "Applicant" means an individual who applies to obtain, transfer, 28 upgrade, or renew a driver's license. 29 (15) "Approved driver training course" means a training course from a 30 school licensed under the provisions of chapter 21 of this title 54, title 31 54, Idaho Code, or a driver training course approved by another United States 32 jurisdiction, provided the course was taken while an individual was a resi-33 dent of that United States jurisdiction. 34 (16) "Approved testing agency" means a person, firm, association, part-35 nership or corporation approved by the director of the Idaho state police 36 which that is: 37 (a) In the business of testing equipment and systems; 38 (b) Recognized by the director as being qualified and equipped to do ex-39 perimental testing; and 40 (c) Not under the jurisdiction or control of any single manufacturer or 41 supplier for an affected industry. 42 (17) "Armed forces" means the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, 43 space force, and the air force of the United States. 44 (18) "Authorized emergency vehicle." (See "Vehicle," section 49-123, 45 Idaho Code) 46 47 (19) "Authorized officer" means any member of the Idaho state police, or any regularly employed and salaried deputy sheriff, or other county employee 48 designated to perform the function of removing abandoned vehicles or junk 49 vehicles by the board of county commissioners of the county in which a vehi-50

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cle is located, or any regularly employed and salaried city peace officer or other city employee designated to perform the function of removing abandoned vehicles or junk vehicles by the city council, or a qualified person deputized or appointed by the proper authority as reserve deputy sheriff or city policeman, authorized within the jurisdiction in which the abandoned vehicle or junk vehicle is located.

7 (20) "Authorized transportation department employee" means any employee appointed by the board to perform duties relating to enforcement of
9 vehicle laws as have been specifically defined and approved by order of the
10 board (see pursuant to section 40-510, Idaho Code).

(21) "Auto transporter" means a vehicle combination constructed for the purpose of transporting vehicles.

(22) "Autocycle" means a motor vehicle designed to travel on not more
than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground <u>and</u> that has a steering wheel
and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride.

SECTION 2. That Section 49-415D, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2008, 18 49-415D. any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of 19 section 49-402, Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law 20 21 for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive support our troops license plates in lieu of 22 regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to 23 any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand 24 (26,000) pounds. Availability of support our troops license plates for 25 26 other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department. 27

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4, 28 title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five 29 dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates₇ and twenty-five dollars 30 (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) 31 of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be de-32 posited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of 33 administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars 34 35 (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the Idaho support 36 37 our troops, inc.'s principal office located in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used by the Idaho support our troops, inc. as administrator of the funds, 38 to provide support and assistance to the children, dependents and spouses 39 of military service members and armed forces members of the army, navy, air 40 force, marine corps, national guard, space force, coast guard and air na-41 tional guard and reserves. 42

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions 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.

(4) The support our troops license plate shall be of a color and designin accordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design

and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the board of directors of 1 2 the Idaho support our troops, inc. and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the de-3 partment. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate de-4 5 sign, shall be paid by the Idaho support our troops, inc.

(5) Sample support our troops license plates may be purchased for a fee 6 7 of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be 8 transferred to the Idaho support our troops, inc.'s principal office lo-9 cated in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used to provide support and assistance to 10 the children, dependents and spouses of military service members and armed 11 forces members of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, national guard, 12 space force, coast guard and air national guard and reserves. 13

SECTION 3. That Section 65-502, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 14 amended to read as follows: 15

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65-502. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Applicant" means an individual applying for a position with a pub-17 lic employer. 18

"Armed forces" means the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, (2)19 space force, air force, and the reserve components thereof. 20

21 (3) "Civil service position" means a position for which the public employee is selected from a pool of applicants through a competitive examina-22 tion, a merit system or any other rating system based on experience and qual-23 ifications. 24

(4) "Disabled veteran" means those veterans separated under honorable 25 26 conditions who:

(a) Qualify as disabled veterans because they have served on active 27 duty in the armed forces and have a current service-connected disabil-28 ity of ten percent (10%) or more or are receiving compensation related 29 to a service-connected disability including retirement benefits or 30 pension from the military or the department of veterans affairs; or 31

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(b) Are purple heart recipients. (5) "Honorable conditions" means an honorable discharge or a general 33

discharge "under honorable conditions." 34 35 (6) "Initial appointment" means the first time a qualified veteran is hired by a county or a municipal government or the state, provided however, 36 37 subsequent separation from the county, municipal government or the state shall not result in the award of new preference or preference points with 38

that governmental entity. "Initial appointment" shall not include: 39

(a) Jobs held by patients, inmates or students in or enrolled at a state 40 institution; 41

(b) Temporary or casual employment; or

(c) An office filled by election.

(7) "Key employee" means an individual specifically hired for an "at 44 will" position that is not a civil service position and where: 45

(a) The position requires an advanced degree and the exercise of independent judgment for a majority of the public employee's duties;

(b) The primary duty of the position is the management of a department
 or subdivision of the public employer and the position requires the ex ercise of independent judgment for a majority of position duties;

4 (c) The primary duty of the position is administrative work arising
5 from the management of a department or subdivision of the public em6 ployer or administrative work arising from the exercise of the duties of
7 an elected official and the public employee holds a confidential rela8 tionship to the appointing or employing officer or elected official; or

9 (d) The primary duty of the position is to provide advice or consulta10 tion to an elected official and the public employee holds a confidential
11 relationship to the elected official.

(8) "Military duty" means training and service performed by an inductee, enlistee or reservist or any entrant into a component of the armed forces of the United States, provided "military duty" shall not include active duty training as a reservist in the armed forces of the United States or as a member of the national guard of the United States where the call is for training only.

18 (9) "Position" means a job held by a public employee but shall not in-19 clude:

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(a) A job held by a patient, inmate or student in or enrolled at a state institution;

(b) Temporary or casual employment; or

(c) An office filled by election.

(10) "Preference eligible" means an individual eligible for preferenceunder section 65-503, Idaho Code.

(11) "Public employee" means any person holding a position in publicemployment.

(12) "Public employer" means any government, department or agency men tioned in subsection (13) of this section employing a public employee in a
 position.

(13) "Public employment" means employment by the government of this
 state, or by any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the
 state, including any department or agency thereof.

34 (14) "Register" means a list of names of persons who have been deter-35 mined to be eligible for employment in a civil service position.

(15) "Service-connected disability" means that the veteran is disabled
 due to injury or illness that was incurred in or aggravated by military ser vice as certified by the federal veterans administration or an agency of the
 department of defense.

(16) "Temporary or casual employment" means employment for a brief,
 nonrecurrent period where there is no reasonable expectation that such employment will continue indefinitely or for a significant period of time.

43 SECTION 4. That Section 67-9403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
44 amended to read as follows:

45 67-9403. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

46 (1) "Honorable conditions" means an honorable discharge or a general47 discharge "under honorable conditions."

(2) "Licensing authority" means any agency, bureau, commission, de partment, division, or professional or occupational licensing board charged

with granting, suspending, or revoking the license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization of any person to practice a profession or occupation, including but not limited to the professional and occupational licensing boards within the department of self-governing agencies. The term licensing authority does not include the board of commissioners of the Idaho state bar as established pursuant to chapter 4, title 3, Idaho Code, or the Idaho supreme court.

8 (3) "Licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or
 9 other authorization of any person to practice a profession or occupation.

(4) "Military" means the armed forces or reserves of the United States,
including the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, <u>space force</u>, air force,
and the reserve components thereof, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

(5) "Veteran" means any person who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, provided the person has served on active duty for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days.

18 SECTION 5. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby 19 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after 20 July 1, 2024.