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HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates a special prestige license plate for active duty military

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:490.22, relative to military honor licence plates; to provide for the
3 establishment of a military honor license plate for members of the United States
4 Armed Forces; to provide for the design and issuance of the license plate; to
5 authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.22 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §490.22. Military honor license plates; United States Armed Forces

10 A. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to the members of the
11 five active-duty services and their respective guard and reserve units of the Armed
12 Forces of the United States.

13 B. Upon application of an active duty member of the United States Armed
14 Forces, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
15 establish a military honor license plate to be known as the "United States Armed
16 Forces" license plate. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
17 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans. The secretary shall design the plates,
18 which shall bear the likeness of the official emblem of the United States Armed
19 Forces on the left side of the license plate and the words "U.S. Armed Forces" shall

1 be printed across the bottom of the license plate under the numbers and the words
2 "Active Duty" shall be printed underneath the words "U.S. Armed Forces".

3 C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle
4 registration license fee.

5 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the
6 provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer
7 of the license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license
8 plates.

9 E.(1) Any applicant who qualifies for the military honor license plate
10 authorized by this Section may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the
11 applicant's name.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, each military honor
13 license plate issued under this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon the
14 death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse of a person
15 to whom a license plate was issued under this Section may retain a license plate
16 issued under this Section, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and
17 provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer of the license
18 plate to the surviving spouse. A military honor license plate transferred under this
19 Subsection to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or
20 remarriage of the surviving spouse.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the military honor license plate to be known as the "U.S. Armed Forces" license plate. Provides for the issuance, creation, and design of the license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DPS&C to issue military honor license plates for members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The license plate shall be known as the "U.S. Armed Forces" license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design of the "U.S. Armed Forces" license plate. The plate shall bear the likeness of the official emblem of the U.S. Armed Forces on the left side of

the license plate and the words "U.S. Armed Forces" centered on the bottom of the plate under the license plate number and the words "Active Duty" centered on the bottom of the plate under the words "U.S. Armed Forces".

Proposed law provides that the fee shall be the regular motor vehicle license fee and the secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law, including rules governing the transfer and disposition of such license plates.

Proposed law provides that any applicant who qualifies for a U.S. Armed Forces license plate shall be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name. Further provides that each military honor license plate issued under the provisions of proposed law shall be returned to the secretary upon the death of the person to whom it was issued. A surviving spouse may retain the military license plate, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies for a transfer. The transferred license plate shall also be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.22)