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Proposed law creates a special motor vehicle license plate for military surplus motor vehicles.

SB 549 Engrossed

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "military surplus motor vehicle" as a wheeled, multipurpose or tactical vehicle manufactured for, and sold directly to, the Armed Forces of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians, and does not include mobile construction equipment, trailers, or semitrailers.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the operation of a military surplus motor vehicle on the highways of this state for general transportation purposes, including but not limited to daily travel to and from the owner's place of employment, provided that a military surplus motor vehicle shall be operated only upon a highway where the posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour or less, except an interstate or controlled access highway or a multi-lane-divided highway which has partial or no control of access.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a military surplus motor vehicle to cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street at an intersection.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that a military surplus motor vehicle be equipped with head lamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield wiper, a speedometer, an odometer, braking for each wheel, a seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating position, tire equipment as required by R.S. 32:362, and a vehicle identification or serial number.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the operator of a military surplus motor vehicle to be at least 21 years old and to possess a valid driver's license.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a military surplus motor vehicle operated on a highway to have liability insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of R.S. 32:900(B).

<u>Proposed law</u> requires safety belts for each person traveling in a military surplus motor vehicle.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the DOTD or a parish or municipal government to prohibit the operation of any military surplus motor vehicle upon any parish or municipal road or highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the motoring public.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the owner of a military surplus motor vehicle shall submit certification that the vehicle is capable of being safely operated on the highways of this state. Provides for issuance of the military surplus motor vehicle license plate to a resident of Louisiana in the same

manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for collection of the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article 7, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana based upon the make and model of the military surplus motor vehicle.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety to suspend the registration of any vehicle registered as a military surplus motor vehicle that the department determines is not properly equipped or is otherwise unsafe to operate.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to adopt necessary rules and regulations pursuant to the APA subject to legislative oversight not later than January 20, 2019.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 32:1(35.1) and 299.5 and R.S. 47:451(20.1) and 471)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

- 1. Revises the definition of "military surplus motor vehicle" to mean a wheeled, multipurpose or tactical vehicle manufactured for, and sold directly to, the Armed Forces of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians.
- 2. Changes provision to allow use of a military surplus vehicle on highways with a speed limit of 65 miles per hour.
- 3. Removes 35 mile per hour speed restriction and allows a military surplus motor vehicle to cross any highway at an intersection.
- 4. Adds tire equipment as required by R.S. 32:362 to list of safety equipment required on a military surplus motor vehicle.
- 5. Removes provisions that would restrict operation of a military surplus motor vehicle to the following:
  - (a) To participation in and transportation to and from off-road events, on-road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events.
    - (b) For the purpose of selling the vehicle, or obtaining repairs or maintenance.
  - (c) For occasional pleasure driving not to exceed 125 miles from the address where the vehicle is stored.

- 6. Removes provisions that would require an applicant for a military surplus motor vehicle registration and license plate to present evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another passenger car, truck, or motorcycle.
- 7. Revises cost for military surplus motor vehicle license registration to standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article 7, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana based upon the make and model of the military surplus vehicle.
- 8. Removes provisions that would authorize any law enforcement officer to require any person operating a military surplus motor vehicle license to provide, upon request, the address at which the vehicle is stored for use and the destination of such operation.
- 9. Removes provisions that would require the Dept. of Public Safety, upon receiving a record of conviction of a violation of <u>proposed law</u> to revoke and not reinstate the owner's privilege to register a military surplus motor vehicle operated in violation of proposed law for a period of five years from the date of conviction.
- 10. Removes provisions that would prohibit registration of a military surplus motor vehicle as an antique vehicle pursuant to R.S. 47:463.8.