

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 675 (SB 549)

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

Defines "military surplus motor vehicle" as a wheeled, multipurpose or tactical vehicle manufactured for, and sold directly to, the U.S. Armed Forces in conformity with contractual specifications and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians, and does not include mobile construction equipment, trailers, or semitrailers.

Requires that a military surplus motor vehicle operated on the highways of the state 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.

Requires the operator of a military surplus motor vehicle to be at least 21 years old and to possess a valid driver's license.

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).

Requires safety belts for each person traveling in a military surplus motor vehicle.

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.

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.

Provides for collection of the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana based upon the make and model of the military surplus motor vehicle.

Requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) 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.

Requires the DPS&C, 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)