

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB880

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 19, 2016
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: McCollister
One Liner: Change provisions relating to Military Honor Plates

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Davis, Friesen, Garrett, McCoy, Murante, Seiler, Smith
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

John McCollister
Charles Craft

Representing:

Introducer
Self

Opponents:

Gregory Holloway

Representing:

Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends provisions of law related to the issuance of Military Honor license plates. Current law provides that individuals who are serving on active duty in the National Guard, the United States Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air force, or Army or who is a veteran of such service who was honorably discharged shall be eligible to be issued the Military Honor license plate.

The bill amends the section as follows: existing law is amended to provide that an individual who serves or has served on reserve duty, and is otherwise qualified, shall be eligible to be issued the Military Honor plate.

Additionally, the bill amends current law allowing the word "veteran" to be placed on the front of operator's licenses and state identification cards. The operative sections are amended to provide that the individuals eligible to receive the "veteran" designation shall, in addition to veterans who had served on active duty, shall include individuals who have served in the army, air force, navy, marine or coast guard reserves or members of the national guard who have never been called to active duty.

The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2017.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee considered and adopted an amendment which accomplishes the following:

1) Adds language that allows a current or former member of the United States Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who was detailed directly to the armed forces on active or reserve duty shall be eligible to apply for the Military Honor license plate and shall also be eligible to receive the "veteran" designation upon an operator's license or state identification card; and

2) Adds language that provides for purposes of the Military Honor license plate, an eligible entity that may make application for the license plate shall include a trust that owns the vehicle so long as the designated beneficiary of the trust is an otherwise eligible individual.

Jim Smith, Chairperson