

Requested by Senator CAMPOS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 596**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 35 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 805.105 is amended to read:

4 “805.105. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a veterans’
5 recognition registration plate program to issue registration plates called
6 ‘veterans’ recognition registration plates’ upon request to an owner of any
7 motor vehicle registered under ORS 803.420 (6)(a) if the owner of the motor
8 vehicle qualifies for the plates. Rules adopted under this section shall in-
9 clude, but need not be limited to, rules that:

10 “(a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any veterans’ group in
11 order to be eligible for a veterans’ recognition registration plate issued under
12 this section.

13 “(b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue
14 veterans’ recognition registration plates.

15 “(c) Specify what constitutes proof of veteran status for issuance of a
16 veterans’ recognition registration plate, if such proof is required by a
17 veterans’ group or by the Director of Veterans’ Affairs.

18 “(d) Specify what constitutes proof that a person is a surviving family
19 member of a person who was killed in action during an armed conflict while
20 serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The department may only
21 issue a veterans’ recognition registration plate displaying a gold star decal

1 and the words ‘Gold Star Family’ to a person who is a parent, sibling, spouse
2 or dependent of a person who was killed in action during an armed conflict
3 while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

4 “(2)(a) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of
5 a veterans’ recognition registration plate under this section and upon re-
6 newal of registration for a vehicle that has plates issued under this section,
7 the department shall collect a surcharge of \$2.50 per plate for each year of
8 the registration period for the vehicle as described under ORS 803.415.

9 “(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, net
10 proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for the veterans’ re-
11 cognition registration plate shall be deposited in the trust fund established
12 under ORS 406.050 for paying the expenses of operating the Oregon Veterans’
13 Homes identified in ORS 408.362.

14 “(c) If the department issues a veterans’ recognition registration plate
15 that names, describes or represents a veterans’ group, that veterans’ group
16 may designate an account into which the net proceeds of the surcharge col-
17 lected by the department under this section are to be deposited. The depart-
18 ment shall keep accurate records of the number of plates issued under this
19 paragraph for each veterans’ group and, after payment of administrative ex-
20 penses of the department, shall deposit moneys collected under this sub-
21 section into the specified account.

22 “(d) The department shall waive the surcharge required under paragraph
23 (a) of this subsection and transfer the amount otherwise paid by the person
24 to the trust fund established under ORS 406.050 if:

25 “(A) A request to waive the surcharge is submitted by:

26 “(i) A Gold Star Family member; or

27 “(ii) **A veteran who provides written proof to the Department of**
28 **Transportation of having a United States Department of Veterans Af-**
29 **fairs total disability rating of at least 50 percent as a result of an in-**
30 **jury or illness that the veteran incurred, or that was aggravated,**

1 **during active military service; and**

2 “(B) Funds are appropriated by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise
3 made available to the department for the purpose of paying the surcharge.

4 “(e) Deposits under this subsection shall be made quarterly.

5 “(3)(a) In consultation with the Department of Transportation, the Direc-
6 tor of Veterans’ Affairs shall design the veterans’ recognition registration
7 plate.

8 “(b) If the department issues a veterans’ recognition registration plate to
9 recognize a veterans’ group, the department shall, in consultation with the
10 requesting veterans’ group, add words or a military-related decal to the
11 veterans’ recognition registration plate that names, describes or represents
12 the veterans’ group.

13 “(c) The department shall add a gold star decal and the words ‘Gold Star
14 Family’ to a veterans’ recognition registration plate background to recognize
15 surviving family members of persons killed in action during an armed con-
16 flict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

17 “(d) Except as otherwise required by the design, veterans’ recognition
18 registration plates must comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.

19 “(4) The department shall determine how many sets of veterans’ recogni-
20 tion registration plates will be manufactured. If the department does not sell
21 or issue renewal for 500 sets of veterans’ recognition registration plates in
22 any one year, the department shall cease production of veterans’ recognition
23 registration plates. For the purposes of this section, veterans’ recognition
24 registration plates that name, describe or represent a veterans’ group are
25 included in the total number of veterans’ recognition registration plates is-
26 sued.

27 “(5) For the purposes of this section, ‘sibling’ includes siblings of the
28 whole or half blood and siblings by adoption, marriage or domestic partner-
29 ship.”.

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