

1 SENATE BILL NO. 79

2 INTRODUCED BY J. TROPILA

3 BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING ELIGIBLE VETERANS FROM CEMETERY AND
6 VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES FOR TWO SETS OF SPECIAL VETERAN LICENSE PLATES USED ON
7 TWO VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 61-3-460, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 61-3-460, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"61-3-460. Vehicle registration fee and veterans' cemetery fee waivers.** (1) Except as otherwise
13 provided in this section, a person eligible under subsection (2) is exempt from the veterans' cemetery fee
14 provided in 61-3-459 for ~~one set~~ two sets of special veteran license plates and all vehicle registration fees
15 imposed by this chapter for ~~one vehicle~~ two vehicles that ~~is~~ are not used for commercial purposes.

16 (2) The following persons are eligible for the waiver provided in subsection (1):

17 (a) a veteran who was a prisoner of war who presents official documentation from the U.S. department
18 of defense verifying the veteran's status, or the veteran's surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried;19 (b) a veteran who is currently rated 100% disabled or is paid at the 100% disabled rate by the U.S.
20 department of veterans affairs for a service-connected disability, as verified by official documentation from the
21 U.S. department of veterans affairs, or the veteran's surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried;22 (c) a veteran determined by the U.S. department of veterans affairs to be 50% or more disabled
23 because of a service-connected injury and who has been awarded the purple heart, as verified by official
24 documentation from the U.S. department of veterans affairs and the veteran's military service record issued by
25 the U.S. department of defense, or the veteran's surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried, except that
26 the veteran or the surviving spouse shall pay the veterans' cemetery fee as provided for in 61-3-459;27 (d) the surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried, of a military service member killed while on
28 active duty as verified in official documentation issued by the U.S. department of defense; and29 (e) the surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried, of a military service member or veteran who
30 died of a service-connected injury or disability as determined by and verified in official documentation from the

1 U.S. department of veterans affairs."

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2006.

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