

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 239

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING SOME PARTIALLY DISABLED VETERANS AND  
5 THEIR SPOUSES TO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN FEE WAIVERS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-3-460, MCA."

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

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9 **Section 1.** Section 61-3-460, MCA, is amended to read:10 **"61-3-460. Motor vehicle registration fee and veterans' cemetery fee waivers.** (1) Except as  
11 otherwise provided in this section, a person eligible under subsection (2) is exempt from the veterans' cemetery  
12 fee provided in 61-3-459 for two sets of special veteran license plates and all motor vehicle registration fees  
13 imposed by this chapter for two motor vehicles that are not used for commercial purposes.

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

15 (a) a veteran who was a prisoner of war who presents official documentation from the U.S.  
16 department of defense verifying the veteran's status, or the veteran's surviving spouse, if the spouse has not  
17 remarried;18 (b) a veteran who is currently rated ~~100%~~ 80% disabled or more, or is paid at the ~~100%~~ 80% or more  
19 disabled rate by the U.S. department of veterans affairs for a service-connected disability, as verified by official  
20 documentation from the U.S. department of veterans affairs, or the veteran's surviving spouse, if the spouse  
21 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; and

1 (e) the surviving spouse, if the spouse has not remarried, of a military service member or veteran who  
2 died of a service-connected injury or disability as determined by and verified in official documentation from the  
3 U.S. department of veterans affairs.

4 (3) A veteran who meets the eligibility criteria in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) may apply the fee  
5 waiver provided in subsection (1) to any of the special license plates provided for in 61-3-458(4) as long as the  
6 veteran also meets the eligibility criteria for the specific special license plate the veteran requests."

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