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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H. F. No. 1123

## NINETY-SECOND SESSION

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Authored by Pryor and Ecklund The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1	A bill for an act
1.2 1.3	relating to motor vehicles; establishing an Air Medal special veterans license plate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168.123, subdivision 2.
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.5	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 168.123, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
1.6	Subd. 2. Design. The commissioner of veterans affairs shall design the emblem for the
1.7	veterans' special plates, subject to the approval of the commissioner, that satisfy the following
1.8	requirements:
1.9	(a) For a Vietnam veteran who served after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978, in the
1.10	active military service in a branch of the armed forces of the United States or a nation or
1.11	society allied with the United States the special plates must bear the inscription "VIETNAM
1.12	VET."
1.13	(b) For a veteran stationed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, or offshore, during the attack
1.14	on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the special plates must bear the inscription "PEARL
1.15	HARBOR SURVIVOR."
1.16	(c) For a veteran who served during World War II, the plates must bear the inscription
1.17	"WORLD WAR VET."
1.18	(d) For a veteran who served during the Korean Conflict, the special plates must bear
1.19	the inscription "KOREAN VET."
1.20	(e) For a combat wounded veteran who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, the
1.21	plates must bear the inscription "COMBAT WOUNDED VET" and have a facsimile or an
1.22	emblem of the official Purple Heart medal.

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A member of the United States armed forces who is serving actively in the military and who is a recipient of the Purple Heart medal is also eligible for this license plate. The commissioner of public safety shall ensure that information regarding the required proof of eligibility for any applicant under this paragraph who has not yet been issued military discharge papers is distributed to the public officials responsible for administering this section.

(f) For a Persian Gulf War veteran, the plates must bear the inscription "GULF WAR
VET." For the purposes of this section, "Persian Gulf War veteran" means a person who
served on active duty after August 1, 1990, in a branch of the armed forces of the United
States or a nation or society allied with the United States or the United Nations during
Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, or other military operation in the Persian
Gulf area combat zone as designated in United States Presidential Executive Order No.
12744, dated January 21, 1991.

(g) For a veteran who served in the Laos War after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978,
the special plates must bear the inscription "LAOS WAR VET."

2.16 (h) For a veteran who is the recipient of:

2.17 (1) the Iraq Campaign Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of
2.18 that medal and must bear the inscription "IRAQ WAR VET" directly below the special
2.19 plate number;

2.20 (2) the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile
2.21 of that medal and must bear the inscription "AFGHAN WAR VET" directly below the
2.22 special plate number;

2.23 (3) the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the special plates must be
2.24 inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription "GWOT VETERAN"
2.25 directly below the special plate number; or

2.26 (4) the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the special plates must bear an appropriate2.27 inscription that includes a facsimile of that medal.

(i) For a veteran who is the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the
inscription "GWOT VETERAN" directly below the special plate number. In addition, any
member of the National Guard or other military reserves who has been ordered to federally
funded state active service under United States Code, title 32, as defined in section 190.05,
subdivision 5b, and who is the recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, is

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3.1	eligible for the license plate described in		bective of whether th	at person	
3.2 3.3	(i) For a veteran who is the recipient		se Service Medal, th	na spacial	
3.4	(j) For a veteran who is the recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal, the special plates must be inscribed with a facsimile of that medal and must bear the inscription				
3.5	"KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE" directly below the special plate number.				
3.6	(k) For a veteran who is a recipient of the Bronze Star medal, the plates must bear the				
3.7	inscription "BRONZE STAR VET" and have a facsimile or an emblem of the official Bronze				
3.8	Star medal.				
3.9	(l) For a veteran who is a recipient of	f the Silver Star meda	al, the plates must be	ear the	
3.10	inscription "SILVER STAR VET" and h	ave a facsimile or an	emblem of the offic	ial Silver	
3.11	Star medal.				
3.12	(m) For a veteran who is the recipien	t of the Air Medal, th	ne special plates mu	st be	
3.13	inscribed with a facsimile of that medal	and must bear the ins	scription "AIR MED	DAL	
3.14	VETERAN" directly below the special p	plate number.			
3.15	(m)(n) For a woman veteran, the plate	s must bear the inscri	otion "WOMAN VE	TERAN"	
3.16	and have a facsimile or an emblem as de	esignated by the com	nissioners of vetera	ns affairs	
3.17	and public safety.				
3.18	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE.</b> This section is	effective January 1, 2	022, and applies to A	Air Medal	

3.19 veteran special license plates issued on or after that date.