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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937 to authorize the issuance of veterans' motor vehicle identification tags, including the establishment of display fees and eligibility criteria, and to require that the application fee and display fees shall be deposited in the Office of Veterans Affairs Fund, which is used to provide programs and services to the District of Columbia veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Veterans License Plates Authorization Amendment Act of 2010".

Sec. 2. Title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, approved August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 673; D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 2a is added to read as follows:

"Sec. 2a. Issuance of Veterans License Plates.

"(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "veteran" means an individual who has:

"(1)(A) Served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States; or

"(B) Been a member of the National Guard and Reserves;

"(2)(A) Been called to active duty authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense; or

"(B) Had at least 20 years of service with a letter and record of separation of service; and

"(3) Been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

"(b)(1) The Mayor shall issue a registration certificate and identification tags for a passenger motor vehicle (other than a passenger vehicle for hire) to an individual who is a veteran or the spouse of a veteran, is a District resident, and applies for the registration certificate and identification tags in lieu of those required by section 2. Upon the death of a veteran that is a holder of identification tags issued under this section, the identification tags shall be transferred, upon application, to the surviving spouse for the spouses' lifetime or until he or she remarries.

"(2) The Mayor shall design and make available for issue one or more veterans' identification tags, and establish an application process for the issue of these identification tags.

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Any veteran or spouse of a veteran who orders a veterans' identification tag shall pay a one-time application fee and a display fee each year thereafter. The application fee shall be \$52 and the display fee shall be \$26, or other amounts as may be established by the Mayor by rule. The application fee and annual display fee shall be deposited in the Office of Veterans Affairs Fund, established by section 705 of the Office of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 49-1004).

“(3) If more than one design of veterans' identification tag is available for issue, the Mayor may establish additional qualifications for the issue of a veterans' identification tag, so long as any additional qualifications relate solely to the veteran's service record. Regardless of any additional qualifications established for the issue of a veterans' identification tag, every veteran and spouse of a veteran shall be eligible for at least one veterans' identification tag.

“(4) When an individual applies for a registration certificate and identification tags under this section, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide a copy of the application to the Office of Veterans Affairs for its use and record retention.”.

(b) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1501.03) is amended as follows:

**Amend  
§ 50-1501.03**

(1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as follows:

“Any person ordering veterans identification tags pursuant to section 2a shall pay the fees as set forth in section 2a(b)(2).”.

(2) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the phrase “, except that fees collected under subsection (b-1) of this section shall be paid into the Out-of-State Vehicle Registration Special Fund as established by section 3a and the fees collected for Anacostia River Commemorative License Plates shall be deposited in the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund established by section 6(a) of the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009, passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on June 16, 2009 (Enrolled version of Bill 18-150).” and inserting the phrase “; provided, that :

“(1) The fees collected under subsection (b-1) of this section shall be paid into the Out-of-State Vehicle Registration Special Fund established by section 3a;

“(2) The fees collected for Anacostia River Commemorative License Plates shall be deposited in the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund established by section 6(a) of the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009, effective September 23, 2009 (D.C. Law 18-55; D.C. Official Code § 8-102.07(a)); and

“(3) The fees collected for veterans' motor vehicle identification tags under section 2a shall be deposited in the Office of Veterans Affairs Fund established by section 705 of the Office of Veterans Affairs Establishment Act of 2001, effective October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 49-1004).”.

**Sec. 3. Applicability**

This act shall apply 6 months after its effective date.

**Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

**Sec. 5. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia