

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB93

Hearing Date: Monday March 04, 2013
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Dubas
One Liner: Provide for notation of veteran status on drivers' licenses and state identification cards

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Brasch, Dubas, McCoy, Price, Smith, Watermeier
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Hadley, Janssen
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Annette Dubas	Introducer
Lieutenant Colonel Eric Teegerstrom	National Guard Association
Gregory Holloway	Disabled American Veterans of Nebraska
Donald Shuda	Hall County
Bob Swanson	Self
John Hilgert	Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs
Gary Berry	Nebraska County Veterans Service Officers
Jeffrey Baker	Nebraska Veterans Council

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB93 allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to design a designation of "Veteran" on the driver's license or state identification card of eligible Veterans wishing to add the designation. The designation enables the public to give thanks to veterans for their service, verifies their status for the thousands of retailers who give discounts to veterans, and could help identify former service members with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or who are in need of Veteran specific services.

Amends the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act to allow operator's licenses or state ID cards to include the word "veteran" if the applicant meets the requirements set in the bill. Allows the notation to continue at the time of license or card renewal. Allows the notation to be added on a replacement license or card. Allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to designate by rule and regulation the discharge papers for proving veteran status.

Explanation of amendments:

AM762 to LB93 becomes the bill. It combines ideas from four bills heard by the committee; LB93 (Dubas), LB378 (Smith), LB383 (Janssen), and LB596 (Price). The bill retains the Veteran's designation of LB93 and adds language to allow the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) to create a registry to determine eligibility for use by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Also creates the Military Honor license plate for current or former members of the 5 branches of

United States armed forces; Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or National Guard.

Section by section description of AM762:

Sections 1-5 are technical additions of the license plate sections to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act.

Section 6 excludes Prisoner of War plates from the additional \$5 fee.

Section 7 excludes Purple Heart plates from the additional \$5 fee.

Section 8 excludes Military Honor plates from use as historic plates.

Section 9 allows the DMV to design Military Honor plates. Allows for alphanumeric and personalized message Military Honor plates.

Section 10 allows applications for Military Honor plates starting in 2015, defines eligibility for plates. Allows the DMV to cancel the plates if fraud in an application or ineligibility is discovered.

Sections 11 - 15 are the original LB93 for Veteran's designation on the license or ID card, with the added "warning" to applicants that they must register with the DVA prior to being eligible.

Section 16 authorizes the DVA registry.

Section 17 contains operative dates.

Section 18 and 19 repeal original sections.

Annette Dubas, Chairperson