

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 403**  
98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on General Laws and Pensions, April 15, 2015, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 301.451, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to veterans awarded the Purple Heart medal.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 301.451, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 42.045 and 301.451, to read as follows:

**42.045. In order to honor our combat wounded veterans for their service and sacrifice, Missouri shall hereby be designated as a "Purple Heart State".**

301.451. Any person who has been awarded the purple heart medal may apply for special motor vehicle license plates for any vehicle he or she owns, either solely or jointly, other than commercial vehicles weighing over twelve thousand pounds. Any such person shall make application for the special license plates on a form provided by the director of revenue and furnish such proof as a recipient of the purple heart medal as the director may require. The director shall then issue license plates bearing letters or numbers or a combination thereof, with the words "PURPLE HEART" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE" in a form prescribed by the advisory committee established in section 301.129. Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. There shall be no fee in addition to regular registration fees for the [initial set of] **purple heart license** plates issued to the applicant[, however, there shall be an additional fee

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

15 charged for each subsequent set of special purple heart license plates issued  
16 equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates, but the additional fee  
17 shall only have to be paid once by the qualified applicant at the time of initial  
18 application for the additional set of plates]. There shall be no limit on the  
19 number of license plates any person qualified under this section may obtain so  
20 long as each set of license plates issued under this section is issued for vehicles  
21 owned solely or jointly by such person. License plates issued under the  
22 provisions of this section shall not be transferable to any other person except that  
23 any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor  
24 vehicle for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the  
25 qualified person.

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