

HCS HB 1473 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES (Griffith)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Veterans

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1473.

The bill authorizes a special license plate with the official emblem of the Central Missouri Honor Flight. The license plate requires an annual \$25 contribution for emblem use to Central Missouri Honor Flight. Criteria for the license plate design submitted by Central Missouri Honor Flight are specified in the bill. Previously issued special plates will not bear the Central Missouri Honor Flight emblem unless reauthorized with the \$25 contribution fee.

Any contribution made to Central Missouri Honor Flight under this provision, except reasonable administrative costs, shall be used solely for financial assistance to transport veterans to Washington D.C. to view various veteran memorials. (Section 301.3069, RSMo)

Additionally, this bill authorizes a special license plate for any recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal and provides proof as required by the Department of Revenue. The license plate will require an additional fee equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates. The plates will bear an image of the Meritorious Service Medal with the words "MERITORIOUS SERVICE" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". (Section 301.3159)

Currently, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives authorizes the use of its official lineman image emblem to be used on personalized license plates, except for license plates for an apportioned motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of 24,000 pounds gross weight.

This bill removes that exception and requires the Department of Revenue to issue license plates for any non-apportioned vehicles for which it issues a license plate or plates (Section 301.3174).