

39:3-27.41

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA: 39:3-27.41

(Surviving spouse-  
-purple heart)

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 1989

By Assemblymen MAZUR, FELICE and Baer

1 AN ACT concerning special license plates for the surviving  
2 spouses of former prisoners of war and purple heart veterans,  
3 amending P.L.1981, c.236 and supplementing P.L.1987, c.374  
4 (C.39:3-27.35 et seq.).

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6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
7 *State of New Jersey:*

8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1981, c.236 <sup>1</sup>[,]<sup>1</sup> (C.39:3-27.24) is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 1. Upon the application of any person who served in the armed  
11 forces of the United States and who was held as a prisoner of war  
12 by an enemy of the United States during any armed conflict, as  
13 certified by the <sup>1</sup>[Division of Veterans' Programs and Special  
14 Services, State Department of Human Services] Department of  
15 Military and Veterans' Affairs<sup>1</sup>, the Director of the Division of  
16 Motor Vehicles shall issue for the motor vehicle owned by such  
17 person special plates bearing the letters "P.O.W.," in addition to  
18 the registration number and other markings or identification  
19 otherwise prescribed by law. There shall be no cost to the  
20 applicant for these special plates. The applicant is required to  
21 pay the fees otherwise prescribed by law for the registration of  
22 motor vehicles.

23 The surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war who is eligible  
24 to operate a motor vehicle in this State under the provision of  
25 R.S.39:3-10 may retain the special license plates obtained by the  
26 deceased spouse pursuant to this <sup>1</sup>[act] section<sup>1</sup> for display on a  
27 motor vehicle registered to the surviving spouse under the  
28 provision of R.S.39:3-4.

29 (cf: P.L.1983, c.56, s.1)

30 <sup>1</sup>2. Section 2 of P.L. 1981, c. 236 (C. 39:3-27.25) is amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 2. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the  
33 [Director of the Division of Veterans Programs and Special

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AVA committee amendments adopted February 23, 1989.

1 Services] Adjutant General of the Department of Military and  
2 Veterans' Affairs shall promulgate and adopt rules and  
3 regulations governing the issuance and use of such registration  
plates.<sup>1</sup>

5 (cf: P.L.1981, c.236, s.2)

6 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.1 (New Section) The surviving spouse of a purple heart  
7 veteran who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in this State  
under the provision of R.S.39:3-10 may retain the special  
8 organization vehicle registration plates obtained by the deceased  
9 spouse pursuant to P.L.1987, c.374 (C.39:3-27.35 et seq.) for  
10 display on a motor vehicle registered to the surviving spouse  
under the provision of R.S.39:3-4.

11 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.1 This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### MOTOR VEHICLES

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#### Motor Vehicle - License and Registration

18 Permits surviving spouse of prisoner of war or purple heart  
19 veteran to retain special license plates.

1 display on a motor vehicle registered to the surviving spouse  
under the provision of R.S.39:3-4.

3 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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The purpose of this bill is to permit the surviving spouse of a  
9 former prisoner of war or purple heart veteran to retain the  
spouse's special motor vehicle license plates issued pursuant to  
11 P.L.1981, c.236 (C.39:3-27.24) or P.L.1987, c.374 (C.39:3-27.35  
et seq.) for display on a motor vehicle registered to the surviving  
13 spouse.

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ASSEMBLY VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4275**

with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 1989

The Assembly Veterans Affairs and Defense Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4275.

The purpose of this bill is to permit the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war or a purple heart veteran to retain the special motor vehicle license plate issued to the former prisoner of war or purple heart veteran, pursuant to P.L.1981, c.236 or P.L.1987, c.374, for display on a motor vehicle registered to that person's surviving spouse.

Current Division of Motor Vehicles regulations require that these special motor vehicle license plates, together with the corresponding registration certificate, must be surrendered within 30 days of the death of the former prisoner of war or purple heart veteran to whom they were issued.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to change the name of the State agency certifying the veteran status of any person applying for special motor vehicle license plates from the Division of Veterans Programs and Special Services in the Department of Human Services to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, pursuant to P.L.1987, c.444 and P.L.1988, c.138, which shifted jurisdiction for the administration of veterans' affairs from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 8, 1989

The Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill 4275 [1R].

The purpose of this bill is to permit the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war or a purple heart veteran to retain the special motor vehicle license plate issued to the former prisoner of war or purple heart veteran, pursuant to P.L.1981, c.236 or P.L.1987, c.374, for display on a motor vehicle registered to that person's surviving spouse.

Current Division of Motor Vehicles regulations require that these special motor vehicle license plates, together with the corresponding registration certificate, must be surrendered within 30 days of the death of the former prisoner of war or purple heart veteran to whom they were issued.

As released by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill 3431.