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(Registration plates--Combat Information
Badge recipients)

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SENATE: Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** March 1, 1993
SENATE: October 19, 1992

DATE OF APPROVAL: March 12, 1993

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes
SENATE: Yes

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SENATE, No. 705

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 4, 1992

By Senator DIMON

1 AN ACT concerning special registration plates and supplementing
2 chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised Statues.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. a. Upon application of any person who is the holder of a
7 Combat Infantryman Badge, as certified ¹[by the Department of
8 Military and Veterans' Affairs] on the applicant's DD-214 form
9 or on a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty¹,
10 the director shall issue, for the motor vehicle owned or leased by
11 the person, distinctive plates bearing a design approved by the
12 director in addition to the registration number and other
13 markings or identification prescribed by law. The plates shall
14 bear the words "Combat Infantryman Badge" and depict the
15 Combat Infantryman Badge emblem. ¹[There shall be no cost to
16 the applicant for these special plates other than] The fee for
17 these plates shall be \$15 in addition to¹ the fees otherwise
18 prescribed by law for the registration of motor vehicles.

19 b. The surviving spouse of a former holder of the Combat
20 Infantryman Badge who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in
21 this State under the provisions of R.S.39:3-10 may retain the
22 special license plates obtained by the deceased spouse pursuant to
23 this section for display on a motor vehicle registered to the
24 surviving spouse under the provisions of R.S.39:3-4.

25 c. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations
26 governing the issuance and use of these registration plates.

27 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the fifth
28 month after enactment.

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33 Provides special registration plates for Combat Infantryman
34 Badge recipients.

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:

¹ Senate SSV committee amendments adopted July 20, 1992.

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STATEMENT

31 This bill permits holders of the Combat Infantryman Badge
32 medal to obtain special license plates for their motor vehicles.
33 The surviving spouse of a former holder of the Combat
34 Infantryman Badge who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in
35 this State would be permitted to retain the special license plates
36 obtained by the deceased spouse.

37 The bill also requires the Director of the Division of Motor
38 Vehicles to promulgate rules for the issuance and use of the
39 plates.

40 The Combat Infantryman Badge, or "CIB," is an important
41 award for heroism given only to Army personnel below the grade
42 of colonel who have satisfactorily performed their duty while
43 assigned to or attached to an infantry brigade, regiment,
44 battalion, company or smaller-size unit during any period such
45 unit was engaged in active ground combat. Artillerymen, forward

1 observers, armored cavalry recon troops, tank crewmen, military
2 police and combat engineers are not qualified for the award.
3 CIB-eligible military actions include World War II, the Korean
4 Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Dominican Republic, the
5 Korean DMZ, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm.

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ASSEMBLY VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

SENATE, No. 705

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 1992

The Assembly Veterans and Military Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 705 [1R].

This bill permits holders of the Combat Infantryman Badge, or "CIB," to obtain special license plates for their motor vehicles. The holder of a CIB must certify that fact by the presentation of a DD-214 form or a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty in order to receive the special plate. The bill also requires that a \$15 fee be charged to obtain these special license plates, which is the same fee charged to obtain other special plates.

The surviving spouse of a former holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in this State would be permitted to retain the special license plates obtained by the deceased spouse.

The Combat Infantryman Badge is an important award for heroism given only to Army personnel below the grade of colonel who have satisfactorily performed their duty while assigned or attached to an infantry brigade, regiment, battalion, company or smaller-size unit during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat. Artillerymen, forward observers, armored cavalry reconnaissance troops, tank crewmen, military police and combat engineers are not qualified for the award. CIB-eligible military actions include World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Dominican Republic, the Korean DMZ, Grenada, Panama and Desert Storm.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 705

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 20, 1992

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The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 705 with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended, permits holders of the Combat Infantryman Badge medal to obtain special license plates for their motor vehicles. The surviving spouse of a former holder of the Combat Infantryman Badge who is eligible to operate a motor vehicle in this State would be permitted to retain the special license plates obtained by the deceased spouse.

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The committee amended the bill to provide that a holder of a CIB could certify that fact by the presentation of a DD-214 form or a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. The bill originally required the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to certify the applicant's eligibility for the special license plates. This amendment was suggested by the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.

The committee also amended the bill to require that a \$15 fee be charged to obtain these special license plates. This is the same fee that is charged, for example, to obtain a special license plate as a disabled veteran. This amendment was suggested by the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety.