

HB 1800 -- PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: Morris (140)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, Purple Heart recipients may receive specialty Purple Heart license plates by paying the regular registration fees and may not be charged an additional fee. This bill allows for the issuance of two sets of these specialty license plates. The first set of plates shall be issued without a fee and only the regular registration fee shall apply to any additional set of plates.

Additionally, in the event of the death of a Purple Heart recipient, the co-owner of the motor vehicle who was also the spouse of the deceased may use and renew the license plates until he or she remarries or, if they do not remarry, for the remainder of their life.

This bill is the same as HB 713 (2019).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is important. Just over 2,000 Purple Heart license plates have been issued. This bill will allow veterans to use an additional license plate for another vehicle.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Morris.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that an additional specialty license plate already is authorized for disabled veterans.

Testifying on the bill was Joshua Shewmaker, Department of Revenue.