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Current law allows an immediate family member of a person who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces to obtain a Gold Star license plate if the immediate family member meets criteria specified under federal law for a gold star lapel button. Also under current law, a person who wishes to personalize a registration plate must generally pay, in addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, a fee of \$15 for the issuance of the plate and \$15 in each succeeding year to maintain the plate.

2023 Senate Bill 740 exempts a person who is eligible for a Gold Star license plate from the \$15 annual fee for the personalization of a Gold Star license plate. Under the bill, this exemption first applies to applications for registration received by the Department of Transportation on the bill's effective date.

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Senate Amendment 1 removes the bill's initial applicability provision.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Hutton offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 740 on January 29, 2024. On February 8, 2024, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 740, as amended.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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