

## News Release

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### *New laws waive fees for Purple Heart license plate and designate two memorial highways*

Three new laws honor veterans' service to the nation and the Commonwealth by waiving the registration fee for the Purple Heart license plate and designating two segments of Virginia highways as memorial highways.

Effective July 1, the annual registration fee will be waived for the first set of Purple Heart license plates. These plates are already exempt from the special plate fee. The registration fee will be charged for the second and subsequent sets of Purple Heart special plates. To qualify for the Purple Heart plate, the vehicle owner must be a Purple Heart recipient or the unremarried spouse of a recipient. The Purple Heart is a military decoration awarded to military service members wounded or killed since April 5, 1917. The legislation was sponsored by Senator Puckett.

Since 1944, highways across the nation have been designated Blue Star Memorial highways in tribute to the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. This year, the entire length of Route 3 in Lancaster County will be designated as a Blue Star Memorial Highway. The legislation was patroned by Delegate Pollard.

Similar legislation, patroned by Senator McWaters, designates I-664 and I-264 in the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Highway.

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