

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1137

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY OF FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY APPLY FOR A GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATE.

Basic Change :

Sponsors: Representative Ladyman, Senator Collins-Smith

Under current law there are no provisions for a special Gold Star license plate for siblings or children of soldiers killed in action during a war. The bill would provide for siblings and children such a plate upon proof of eligibility.

Revenue Impact :

Minimal.

Taxpayer Impact :

A sibling or child in addition to a spouse or parent of a soldier killed in action would be eligible to receive a special Gold Star license plate free of charge.

Resources Required :

Additional training of Revenue and Motor Vehicle employees on acceptable documents required to obtain special Gold Star license plate

Time Required :

Implementation date will need to be November 13, 2017.

Procedural Changes :

Computer Programming will be necessary to provide an indicator to correctly identify sibling or child for issuance of the new special plate. Revise Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual will be required and distribution Revenue Offices will be necessary

Other Comments :

Copies of the final leave and Earnings Statement issued to the deceased service member showing that he or she was entitled to: Hardship duty pay; Hostile fire pay; or imminent danger pay may not be necessary if a DD1300 is provided or Discharge can be presented. Birth certificates may be necessary for Revenue employees to properly identify individuals as siblings or children.

Legal Analysis :

This bill expands who may receive a "Gold Star Family special license plate." This Bill includes siblings and children of a member of the United States Armed Forces, in addition to spouses and parents, who meets the requirements for a Gold Star from the Department of Defense under 10 U.S.C. § 1126.