

(H. B. 881)

(No. 99)

(Approved August 26, 2005)

## **AN ACT**

To amend Section 2.31A of Act No. 22 of January 7, 2000, as amended, known as the “Puerto Rico Vehicles and Traffic Act,” to provide that all veterans shall have the option to request, on a single occasion, a special license plate exempt from the corresponding payment, issued by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and for other purposes.

### **STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

This bill seeks to grant the right to all veterans of the United States of America Armed Forces to obtain a special license plate, subject to compliance with the requirements provided in the “Puerto Rico Vehicles and Traffic Act”.

In this manner, the Government of Puerto Rico recognizes the courage and sacrifice of our veterans in the defense of democracy and security. Their commitment set alight a flame of honor that continues to blaze. It is for this reason that, while they are still alive, we should promote initiatives that allow us to honor the veterans that live side by side with us in our Land and who fight for a better world, contributing their life experience and knowledge.

Granting special license plates to all our veterans is another way of thanking them for their unselfish service, in their quest to preserve the values that lead us towards a unity of purposes. This bill was one of the many to which this Parliamentary Majority committed itself, as well as one of the commitments ratified by the People with their vote last November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:***

Section 1.- Section 2.31-A of Act No. 22 of January 7, 2000, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.31-A.- Special License Plates for Veterans

At the request of the interested party, the Secretary shall issue special license plates to every veteran duly certified as such by the Federal Department of Veterans’ Affairs, and who owns a motor vehicle for his/her private use, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) The issuing of the special license plates provided in this Section shall not require the payment provided by law for the license plates of private vehicles. Only one license plate shall be exempted from the corresponding payment for the veteran. Any additional license plate shall have a cost of ten (10) dollars. The veteran shall present evidence of the fact that the vehicle is registered in his/her name or in the name of his/her guardian. In the event of the veteran’s death, no heir or any other person may use the special license plate.
- (d) ...
- (e) ...
- (f) ...
- (g) ...
- (h) ...
- (i) ...”

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 99 (H.B. 881) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 1st of February of 2006.

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Director