

HB 229 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: McCaherty

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows any person who has received the Korea Defense Service Medal to apply for special motor vehicle license plates bearing the words "KOREA DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL." To obtain the plates, a person must submit an application to the Director of the Department of Revenue, furnish proof of eligibility for the plates as the department director may require, and pay a \$15 fee in addition to the regular registration fee. There must not be any additional fee for the personalization of the license plates.

The plates are not transferable to any other person, but in the event of the death of a qualified person, a registered co-owner of the vehicle must be entitled to operate the vehicle with the plates until they expire.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill would help properly recognize the soldiers that fought in an often forgotten war.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McCaherty and Larry D. Kay, Missouri Veterans Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.