



# HOUSE BILL 118: U.S. Army Special Forces Reg Plate/Fees.

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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 118 would:*

- *Authorize a United States Army Special Forces special registration plate with no fee in addition to the regular registration plate fee.*
- *Eliminate the additional special registration plate fee for the Air Medal Recipient and Distinguished Flying Cross plates.*

**CURRENT LAW:** North Carolina offers a number of special registration plates. As a general rule, the fee for a special registration plate is the regular vehicle registration fee of \$36 plus a \$10 special registration plate fee. The following military service related plates are issued without the additional special registration plate fee:

- Active Member of the National Guard
- Bronze Star Combat Recipient
- Bronze Star Recipient
- Combat Veteran
- 100% Disabled Veteran
- Ex-Prisoner of War
- Gold Star Lapel Button
- Legion of Merit
- Legion of Valor
- Military Veteran
- Military Wartime Veteran
- Partially Disabled Veteran
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- Purple Heart Recipient
- Silver Star Recipient

The Air Medal Recipient and Distinguished Flying Cross special registration plates are currently authorized with the additional \$10 fee.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 118 would authorize a new United States Army Special Forces registration plate. If authorized, the plate would bear the name "United States Army Special Forces" and the insignia of the United States Army Special Forces, and it would be issuable to a member or veteran of the United States Army Special Forces. The plate would not be subject to the special plate

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development process or require a minimum number of applications before it would be produced. The fee for the plate would be the regular registration fee of \$36 with no additional special registration plate fee.

The PCS would also eliminate the additional \$10 special plate fee for the existing Air Medal Recipient and Distinguished Flying Cross plates, so the fee for those plates would just be the regular registration fee of \$36.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would become effective July 1, 2017.