

PURPLE HEART LICENSE PLATES

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Vehicle Title and Registration Notice

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Highlights

- *Holders of the Purple Heart may purchase more than the two free plate limit*
- *Holders of the Purple Heart are able to be issued special memorial license plates*
- *Up to two free license plates are available for purple heart recipients*
- *Additional license plates may be purchased*
- *Assistance is available from Revenue if you have questions*

INTRODUCTION

This notice is intended to provide county clerks and motor vehicle owners with information concerning recent changes in Tennessee’s Motor Vehicle laws related to the Purple Heart memorial license plates.

Effective July 1, 2008, a qualified holder of the Purple Heart Medal may purchase additional plates exceeding the two free plate limit.

DISCUSSION

Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 55-4-202, 55-4-203, and 55-4-239 allow recipients of the Purple Heart Medal to receive special memorial license plates.

As of July 1, 2007, Purple Heart license plates are no longer subject to the \$25.00 special fee, and should be issued or renewed free of charge after that date. The Purple Heart recipient may elect to receive up to two (2) special Purple Heart memorial plates free of charge for their motor vehicles or recreational vehicles.

Effective July 1, 2008, Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-4-239 was amended to allow a qualified holder of the Purple Heart Medal to purchase additional plates exceeding the two free plate limit. The initial cost of the additional plate is \$25.75, with the renewal fee being \$21.50. **These fees are subject to change each year and do not include local county fees.**

Additional Information:

For more information regarding vehicle registration in Tennessee, please call our vehicle services call center at 888/871-3171 or 615/741-3101. Assistance for county clerks is available by contacting Revenue’s county clerk support staff - Billy Trout (615/741-4177), Kathy Duncan (615/532-6908), or Belinda Boddie (615/253-4073). More information is available on our Web site, www.Tennessee.gov/revenue.



References:

- T.C.A. § 55-4-202
- T.C.A. § 55-4-203
- T.C.A. § 55-4-239

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