

“Families of the Fallen” License Plates

HB 2132 authorizes “Families of the Fallen” license plates for passenger vehicles and small trucks, to be issued on and after January 1, 2012. The bill authorizes issuance of such a plate to “Department of Defense-recognized next of kin of deceased military personnel,” defined as any person entitled to receive the Department of Defense Gold Star lapel button or the lapel button for next of kin of deceased active duty personnel. The bill exempts this license plate, like other license plates honoring military service, from the \$40 distinctive license plate fee required for some distinctive license plates upon receipt of the metal plate.