

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness License Plates; Military Decals; Towing Ordinances; Sub. for HB 2473

Sub. for HB 2473 authorizes an Alzheimer's disease awareness license plate, authorizes those with additional types of distinctive military license plates to purchase decals indicating the owner has received certain military honors, removes a requirement certain notices be filed with the county clerk, and specifies certain requirements for city ordinances and county resolutions regarding towing apply only to ordinances or resolutions regarding towing from private property.

License plate. The bill authorizes an Alzheimer's disease awareness license plate as of January 1, 2017. The bill allows any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the Alzheimer's Association. Payments from the Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Royalty Fund will be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Alzheimer's Association.

Decals. The bill expands eligibility to purchase decals indicating certain military honors to those with any type of distinctive license plate for which a person is required to submit proof of military service to the Director of Vehicles. Such decals have been available only to those with Purple Heart medal recipient and U.S. military and military veteran license plates. The decals indicate the person was a recipient of a Silver Star or Bronze Star medal or of a Combat Medical Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Navy/Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, Army Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, or Distinguished Flying Cross; the bill adds Combat Action Badge. Under continuing law, proof must be submitted to the Director of Vehicles that such honors were awarded to the person requesting the decal. Changes to this section will be effective January 1, 2017.

Notices related to an abandoned vehicle. The bill repeals a requirement that a person providing wrecker or towing service file certain notices, publications, and affidavits with the county clerk prior to the sale at public auction of any abandoned or disabled motor vehicle. Under continuing law, these notices and publications are filed with the county treasurer when the vehicle is sold.

Towing ordinances. The bill amends law specifying the requirements for a city ordinance or county resolution on towing (to address maximum rates, access to personal property, and reporting the location to law enforcement) to state the requirements apply to any ordinance or resolution regarding towing of vehicles from private property.