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## SB 404

Providing for the Korean war, operation desert storm, operation Iraqi freedom and operation enduring freedom license plates.

Committee on Transportation February 28, 2018

Members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify for SB 404. You may recall SB 173 that was introduced in 2015. This bill is the same. The bill would create distinctive license plates for the Korean War, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. When this bill was presented in 2015 the committee deferred action because the cost was prohibitive. The sponsors were encouraged to attempt passage of the bill after the State had developed the concept of digital license plates. Now that time has come. The Division of Vehicles has testified that digital license plates will be a reality in August 2018. So, it seems like the perfect time to pursue this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation that will recognize individuals who have served our country.

Sincerely,

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