

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

HB 1044 provides that Killed in Action License Plates shall be designed to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who were killed in action while engaged in combat with a hostile force. The parents, siblings, half-siblings, grandparents or spouse of the deceased person, if the spouse has not remarried, or if remarried, the remarriage is terminated by death, divorce or annulment, may apply for a killed in action license plate upon presenting proper certification that the person was killed in action and that the person making the application is the qualifying spouse or family member of the deceased person. The Killed in Action License Plate shall be exempt from any minimum issuance criteria related to license plate applications.

Additionally, the measure expands eligibility to apply for a Gold Star Families License Plates to include siblings, half-siblings, or grandparents. The Oklahoma Aquarium License Plate is reauthorized by the measure. The measure also authorizes members of the Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars organization to apply for the Oklahoma Veterans of Foreign Wars License Plate.

The Oklahoma City Barons, Oklahoma City Redhawks, and Tulsa Shock License Plates are stricken by the measure. The measure directs the Oklahoma Tax Commission to design the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy License Plate in consultation with the Institute. The Oklahoma Renewable Energy, Scottish Rite Masons, New State Brand, University of Oklahoma RUF/NEKS, National Defense Service Medal, Paramedic, Oklahoma Golf, Stillwater Public Schools, Blue Star Mothers, Transportation to Transportation, Tulsa Community College, and Tulsa Flag License Plate are created by the measure. The Oklahoma Tax Commission may enter into a licensing agreement with the Historic Greenwood District Juneteenth Festival.

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