

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to military support; amending s.  
3       265.003, F.S.; creating the Florida Veterans' Hall of  
4       Fame Council; providing for membership and terms of  
5       appointment; providing for the appointment of a chair;  
6       providing for meetings, a quorum, and voting;  
7       providing for reimbursement of travel expenses;  
8       providing for the removal of an appointee; providing  
9       for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council rather  
10      than the Department of Veterans' Affairs to select  
11      nominees for induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall  
12      of Fame and to establish the criteria for selection;  
13      amending s. 295.187, F.S.; revising legislative  
14      intent; renaming and revising the Florida Service-  
15      Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act  
16      to expand the vendor preference in state contracting  
17      to include certain businesses owned and operated by  
18      wartime veterans or veterans of a period of war;  
19      amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the issuance  
20      of a Combat Infantry Badge license plate; providing  
21      qualifications and requirements for the plate;  
22      providing for the use of proceeds from the sale of the  
23      plate; providing for issuance of a Vietnam War  
24      Veterans' license plate and the Korean Conflict  
25      Veterans' license plate; providing qualifications and  
26      requirements for the plates; creating s. 320.0892,  
27      F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety  
28      and Motor Vehicles to issue Silver Star, Distinguished

29 Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross license  
 30 plates, without payment of the license tax, to persons  
 31 meeting specified criteria; creating s. 683.146, F.S.;  
 32 designating August 7 of each year as "Purple Heart  
 33 Day"; providing a short title; creating s. 394.48,  
 34 F.S.; authorizing the chief judge of each judicial  
 35 circuit to establish a Military Veterans and  
 36 Servicemembers Court Program for specified veterans  
 37 and servicemembers; providing criteria for entry into  
 38 the program; authorizing a judge to impose a condition  
 39 of supervision upon specified probationers and  
 40 community controllees requiring such person to  
 41 participate in a treatment program; requiring the  
 42 court to give preference to certain treatment  
 43 programs; providing that the Department of Corrections  
 44 is not required to spend state funds to implement  
 45 these provisions; creating s. 948.21, F.S.;  
 46 authorizing a judge to impose a condition of  
 47 supervision upon specified probationers and community  
 48 controllees requiring such person to participate in a  
 49 treatment program; requiring the court to give  
 50 preference to certain treatment programs; providing  
 51 that the Department of Corrections is not required to  
 52 spend state funds to implement these provisions;  
 53 creating s. 1004.075, F.S.; requiring certain Florida  
 54 College System institutions and state universities to  
 55 provide priority course registration for veterans;  
 56 providing eligibility requirements; creating s.

57 | 1005.09, F.S.; encouraging certain independent  
 58 | postsecondary educational institutions to provide  
 59 | priority course registration for veterans; providing  
 60 | honorary designations of certain transportation  
 61 | facilities in specified counties; directing the  
 62 | Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 63 | markers; providing an effective date.  
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65 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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67 | Section 1. Section 265.003, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 68 | to read:

69 | 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

70 | (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and  
 71 | honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives  
 72 | during or after military service, have made a significant  
 73 | contribution to the State of Florida.

74 | (2) There is established the Florida Veterans' Hall of  
 75 | Fame.

76 | (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame is administered by  
 77 | the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs without  
 78 | appropriation of state funds.

79 | (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside  
 80 | an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the  
 81 | northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of  
 82 | Veterans' Affairs regarding the design and theme of the area.

83 | (c) Each person who is inducted into the Florida Veterans'  
 84 | Hall of Fame shall have his or her name placed on a plaque

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85 displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building.

86 (3) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council is  
87 created within the Department of Veterans' Affairs as an  
88 advisory council, as defined in s. 20.03(7), consisting of seven  
89 members who shall all be honorably discharged veterans, and at  
90 least four of whom must be members of a congressionally  
91 chartered veterans service organization. The Governor, the  
92 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
93 Representatives, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial  
94 Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the executive  
95 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall each  
96 appoint one member. For the purposes of ensuring staggered  
97 terms, the council members appointed by the Governor, the  
98 Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, and the  
99 Commissioner of Agriculture shall be appointed to 4-year terms  
100 beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment, and the  
101 council members appointed by the President of the Senate, the  
102 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the executive  
103 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be  
104 appointed to 2-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year of  
105 appointment. After the initial appointments, all appointees  
106 shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A member whose term expires  
107 shall continue to serve on the council until such time as a  
108 replacement is appointed.

109 (b) The members shall annually elect a chair from among  
110 their number. The council shall meet at the call of its chair,  
111 at the request of the executive director of the Department of  
112 Veterans' Affairs, or at such times as may be prescribed by the

113 council. A majority of the members of the council currently  
 114 appointed constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held  
 115 unless a quorum is present. The affirmative vote of a majority  
 116 of the members of the council present is necessary for any  
 117 official action by the council.

118 (c) Members of the council may not receive compensation or  
 119 honorarium for their services, but members are entitled to  
 120 reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
 121 their duties as provided in s. 112.061.

122 (d) The original appointing authority may remove his or  
 123 her appointee from the council for misconduct or malfeasance in  
 124 office, neglect of duty, incompetence, or permanent inability to  
 125 perform official duties or if the member is adjudicated guilty  
 126 of a felony.

127 (4)(3)(a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
 128 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall annually accept  
 129 nominations of persons to be considered for induction into the  
 130 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall then transmit a list of  
 131 up to 20 nominees its recommendations to the Department of  
 132 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet  
 133 who will select the nominees to be inducted.

134 (b) In selecting its nominees for submission making its  
 135 recommendations to the Governor and the Cabinet, the Florida  
 136 Veterans' Hall of Fame Council Department of Veterans' Affairs  
 137 shall give preference to veterans who were born in Florida or  
 138 adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation and who  
 139 have made a significant contribution to the state in civic,  
 140 business, public service, or other pursuits.

141           (5) ~~(4)~~ The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
 142 ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~ may establish criteria and set  
 143 specific time periods for acceptance of nominations and for the  
 144 process of selection of nominees for membership and establish a  
 145 formal induction ceremony to coincide with the annual  
 146 commemoration of Veterans' Day.

147           Section 2. Section 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 148 to read:

149           295.187 Florida ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business  
 150 Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

151           (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Florida  
 152 ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act."

153           (2) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature to rectify  
 154 the economic disadvantage of service-disabled veterans, who are  
 155 statistically the least likely to be self-employed when compared  
 156 to the veteran population as a whole and who have made  
 157 extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of the nation, the state, and  
 158 the public, by providing opportunities for service-disabled  
 159 veteran business enterprises as set forth in this section. The  
 160 Legislature also intends to recognize wartime veterans and  
 161 veterans of a period of war for their sacrifices as set forth in  
 162 this section.

163           (3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, the  
 164 term:

165           (a) "Certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 166 enterprise" means a business that has been certified by the  
 167 Department of Management Services to be a ~~service-disabled~~  
 168 veteran business enterprise as defined in paragraph (c).

169 (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a  
 170 permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability  
 171 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans  
 172 Affairs or who has been terminated from military service by  
 173 reason of disability by the United States Department of Defense.

174 (c) ~~"Service-disabled Veteran business enterprise"~~ means  
 175 an independently owned and operated business that:

- 176 1. Employs 200 or fewer permanent full-time employees;
- 177 2. Together with its affiliates has a net worth of \$5  
 178 million or less or, if a sole proprietorship, has a net worth of  
 179 \$5 million or less including both personal and business  
 180 investments;
- 181 3. Is organized to engage in commercial transactions;
- 182 4. Is domiciled in this state;
- 183 5. Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more wartime  
 184 veterans or service-disabled veterans; and
- 185 6. The management and daily business operations of which  
 186 are controlled by one or more wartime veterans or service-  
 187 disabled veterans or, for a service-disabled veteran having with  
 188 a permanent and total disability, by the spouse or permanent  
 189 caregiver of the veteran.

190 (d) "Wartime veteran" means:

- 191 1. A wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14); or
- 192 2. A veteran of a period of war, as used in 38 U.S.C. s.  
 193 1521, who served in the active military, naval, or air service:
  - 194 a. For 90 days or more during a period of war;
  - 195 b. During a period of war and was discharged or released  
 196 from such service for a service-connected disability;

197 c. For a period of 90 consecutive days or more and such  
 198 period began or ended during a period of war; or

199 d. For an aggregate of 90 days or more in two or more  
 200 separate periods of service during more than one period of war.

201 (4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.—

202 (a) A state agency, when considering two or more bids,  
 203 proposals, or replies for the procurement of commodities or  
 204 contractual services, at least one of which is from a certified  
 205 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise, which ~~that~~ are  
 206 equal with respect to all relevant considerations, including  
 207 price, quality, and service, shall award such procurement or  
 208 contract to the certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 209 enterprise.

210 (b) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(11), if a ~~service-disabled~~  
 211 veteran business enterprise entitled to the vendor preference  
 212 under this section and one or more businesses entitled to this  
 213 preference or another vendor preference provided by law submit  
 214 bids, proposals, or replies for procurement of commodities or  
 215 contractual services which ~~that~~ are equal with respect to all  
 216 relevant considerations, including price, quality, and service,  
 217 ~~then~~ the state agency shall award the procurement or contract to  
 218 the business having the smallest net worth.

219 (c) Political subdivisions of the state are encouraged to  
 220 offer a similar consideration to businesses certified under this  
 221 section.

222 (5) CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.—

223 (a) The application for certification as a ~~service-~~  
 224 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise must, at a minimum,



225 include:

226 1. The name of the business enterprise applying for

227 certification and the name of the ~~service-disabled~~ veteran

228 submitting the application on behalf of the business enterprise.

229 2. The names of all owners of the business enterprise,

230 including owners who are wartime veterans, service-disabled

231 veterans, and owners who are not a wartime veteran or a service-

232 disabled veteran ~~veterans~~, and the percentage of ownership

233 interest held by each owner.

234 3. The names of all persons involved in both the

235 management and daily operations of the business, including the

236 spouse or permanent caregiver of a veteran who has ~~with~~ a

237 permanent and total disability.

238 4. The service-connected disability rating of all persons

239 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, with

240 supporting documentation from the United States Department of

241 Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense.

242 5. Documentation of the wartime service of all persons

243 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, from

244 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United

245 States Department of Defense.

246 ~~6.5.~~ The number of permanent full-time employees.

247 ~~7.6.~~ The location of the business headquarters.

248 ~~8.7.~~ The total net worth of the business enterprise and

249 its affiliates. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the net

250 worth includes personal and business investments.

251 (b) To maintain certification, a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran

252 business enterprise shall renew its certification biennially.

253 (c) ~~The provisions of~~ Chapter 120, relating to  
 254 application, denial, and revocation procedures, applies ~~shall~~  
 255 ~~apply~~ to certifications under this section.

256 (d) A certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 257 enterprise must notify the Department of Management Services  
 258 within 30 business days after any event that may significantly  
 259 affect the certification of the business, including, but not  
 260 limited to, a change in ownership or change in management and  
 261 daily business operations.

262 (e) The certification of a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
 263 business enterprise shall be revoked for 12 months if the  
 264 Department of Management Services determines that the business  
 265 enterprise violated paragraph (d). An owner of a certified  
 266 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification  
 267 is revoked may ~~is not permitted to~~ reapply for certification  
 268 under this section as an owner of any business enterprise during  
 269 the 12-month revocation period.

270 1. During the 12-month revocation period, a ~~service-~~  
 271 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification has  
 272 been revoked may bid on state contracts but is not eligible for  
 273 any preference available under this section.

274 2. A ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose  
 275 certification has been revoked may apply for certification at  
 276 the conclusion of the 12-month revocation period by complying  
 277 with requirements applicable to initial certifications.

278 (6) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.—The  
 279 department shall:

280 (a) Assist the Department of Management Services in

281 establishing a certification procedure, which shall be reviewed  
 282 biennially and updated as necessary.

283 (b) Identify eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 284 enterprises by any electronic means, including electronic mail  
 285 or Internet website, or by any other reasonable means.

286 (c) Encourage and assist eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
 287 business enterprises to apply for certification under this  
 288 section.

289 (d) Provide information regarding services that are  
 290 available from the Office of Veterans' Business Outreach of the  
 291 Florida Small Business Development Center to ~~service-disabled~~  
 292 veteran business enterprises.

293 (7) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—The  
 294 department shall:

295 (a) With assistance from the Department of Veterans'  
 296 Affairs, establish a certification procedure, which shall be  
 297 reviewed biennially and updated as necessary.

298 (b) Grant, deny, or revoke the certification of a ~~service-~~  
 299 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise under this section.

300 (c) Maintain an electronic directory of certified ~~service-~~  
 301 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprises for use by the state,  
 302 political subdivisions of the state, and the public.

303 (8) REPORT.—The Small Business Development Center shall  
 304 include in its report required by s. 288.705 the percentage of  
 305 certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprises using  
 306 the statewide contracts register.

307 (9) RULES.—The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the  
 308 Department of Management Services, as appropriate, may adopt

309 rules as necessary to administer this section.

310 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.089,  
 311 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

312 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States  
 313 Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of  
 314 Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi  
 315 Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry  
 316 Badge recipients; Vietnam War Veterans; Korean Conflict  
 317 Veterans; special license plates; fee.-

318 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 319 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
 320 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
 321 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
 322 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
 323 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, ~~or~~ an  
 324 active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
 325 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
 326 Badge shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by  
 327 proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida  
 328 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor  
 329 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl  
 330 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal  
 331 recipient, ~~or~~ proof of active or retired membership in any  
 332 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in  
 333 the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of  
 334 being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, and upon payment  
 335 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
 336 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in

337 lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be  
 338 stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"  
 339 "Combat-wounded veteran," ~~or~~ "U.S. Reserve," or "Combat Infantry  
 340 Badge," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the  
 341 license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the  
 342 words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of  
 343 the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

344 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 345 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
 346 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
 347 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
 348 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
 349 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
 350 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
 351 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
 352 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
 353 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
 354 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

355 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
 356 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a  
 357 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled  
 358 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the  
 359 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license  
 360 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

361 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 362 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 363 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 364 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident

365 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
 366 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
 367 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
 368 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
 369 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
 370 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
 371 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

372 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
 373 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
 374 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
 375 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
 376 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
 377 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
 378 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
 379 320.08.

380 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the  
 381 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a  
 382 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a  
 383 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the  
 384 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or  
 385 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special  
 386 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of  
 387 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

388 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 389 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 390 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 391 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
 392 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a

393 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
 394 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
 395 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on  
 396 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
 397 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
 398 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
 399 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
 400 the Purple Heart medal.

401 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 402 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 403 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 404 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 405 hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a  
 406 current or former member of the United States military who was  
 407 deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in  
 408 Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon  
 409 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
 410 membership or former active duty status during one of these  
 411 operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
 412 as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided  
 413 by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license  
 414 number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words  
 415 "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as  
 416 appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the  
 417 plate.

418 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 419 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 420 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)

421 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 422 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
 423 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
 424 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military  
 425 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the  
 426 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
 427 active duty status during these operations, and upon payment of  
 428 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
 429 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
 430 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
 431 shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," followed by  
 432 the registration license number of the plate.

433 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 434 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 435 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 436 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 437 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
 438 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
 439 was deployed and served in Korea during United States military  
 440 deployment in Korea shall, upon application to the department,  
 441 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
 442 status during these operations, and upon payment of the license  
 443 tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a  
 444 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of  
 445 the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall  
 446 be stamped the words "Korean Conflict Veteran," followed by the  
 447 registration license number of the plate.



448 Section 4. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.0892,  
 449 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

450 320.0892 Motor vehicle license plates for recipients of  
 451 the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air  
 452 Force Cross.—Upon receipt of an application and proof that the  
 453 applicant meets the qualifications listed in this section for  
 454 the applicable license plate, the department shall issue the  
 455 license plate without payment of the license tax imposed under  
 456 s. 320.08:

457 (1) SILVER STAR.—Any United States citizen who is a  
 458 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Silver Star while  
 459 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
 460 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Silver  
 461 Star" followed by the serial number.

462 (2) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.—Any United States citizen  
 463 who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the  
 464 Distinguished Service Cross while serving as a member of the  
 465 United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on  
 466 which is stamped the words "Distinguished Service Cross"  
 467 followed by the serial number.

468 (3) NAVY CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
 469 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Navy Cross while  
 470 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
 471 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Navy  
 472 Cross" followed by the serial number.

473 (4) AIR FORCE CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
 474 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Air Force Cross  
 475 while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces

476 shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words  
 477 "Air Force Cross" followed by the serial number.

478 Section 5. Section 683.146, Florida Statutes, is created  
 479 to read:

480 683.146 Purple Heart Day.—

481 (1) August 7 of each year is designated as "Purple Heart  
 482 Day."

483 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation  
 484 designating August 7 as "Purple Heart Day." Public officials,  
 485 schools, private organizations, and all residents of the state  
 486 are encouraged to commemorate Purple Heart Day and honor those  
 487 wounded or killed while serving in any branch of the United  
 488 States Armed Services.

489 Section 6. Sections 6 through 8 of this act may be cited  
 490 as the "T. Patt Maney Veterans' Treatment Intervention Act."

491 Section 7. Section 394.48, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 492 read:

493 394.48 Military veterans and servicemembers court  
 494 programs.—The chief judge of each judicial circuit may establish  
 495 a Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program under which  
 496 veterans, as defined in s. 1.01, and servicemembers, as defined  
 497 in s. 250.01, who are convicted of a criminal offense and who  
 498 suffer from a mental illness, traumatic brain injury, or  
 499 substance abuse disorder as a result of their military service  
 500 can be sentenced in accordance with chapter 921 in a manner that  
 501 appropriately addresses the severity of the mental illness,  
 502 traumatic brain injury, or substance abuse disorder through  
 503 services tailored to the individual needs of the participant.

504 Entry into any Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
 505 Program must be based upon the sentencing court's assessment of  
 506 the defendant's criminal history, military service, substance  
 507 abuse treatment needs, mental health treatment needs,  
 508 amenability to the services of the program, the recommendation  
 509 of the state attorney and the victim, if any, and the  
 510 defendant's agreement to enter the program.

511 Section 8. Section 948.21, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 512 read:

513 948.21 Condition of probation or community control;  
 514 military servicemembers and veterans.—Effective for a  
 515 probationer or community controllee whose crime was committed on  
 516 or after July 1, 2012, and who is a servicemember, as defined in  
 517 s. 250.01, or veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, who suffers from a  
 518 military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury,  
 519 or substance abuse disorder, the court may, in addition to any  
 520 other conditions imposed, impose a condition requiring the  
 521 probationer or community controllee to participate in a  
 522 treatment program capable of treating the probationer or  
 523 community controllee's mental illness, traumatic brain injury,  
 524 or substance abuse disorder. The court shall give preference to  
 525 treatment programs for which the probationer or community  
 526 controllee is eligible through the United States Department of  
 527 Veterans Affairs or the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.  
 528 The Department of Corrections is not required to spend state  
 529 funds to implement this section.

530 Section 9. Section 1004.075, Florida Statutes, is created  
 531 to read:

532       1004.075 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
 533 Florida College System institution and state university that  
 534 offers priority course registration for a segment of the student  
 535 population, or upon implementation of priority course  
 536 registration for a segment of the student population, shall  
 537 provide priority course registration for each veteran of the  
 538 United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational  
 539 benefits or for the spouse or dependent children of the veteran  
 540 to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred.  
 541 Each eligible veteran, or his or her spouse or dependent  
 542 children, shall be granted priority for course registration  
 543 until the expiration of the GI Bill educational benefits.

544       Section 10. Section 1005.09, Florida Statutes, is created  
 545 to read:

546       1005.09 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
 547 independent postsecondary educational institution defined in s.  
 548 1005.02(11) that offers priority course registration for a  
 549 segment of the student population, or upon implementation of  
 550 priority course registration for a segment of the student  
 551 population, is encouraged to provide priority course  
 552 registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces,  
 553 or his or her spouse or dependent children, who is receiving GI  
 554 Bill educational benefits, in accordance with s. 1004.075.

555       Section 11. SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway  
 556 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 557 markers.—

558       (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55  
 559 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous

560 Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as "SP4  
 561 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway."

562 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 563 suitable markers designating SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial  
 564 Highway as described in subsection (1).

565 Section 12. U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr.,  
 566 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 567 erect suitable markers.—

568 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55  
 569 between N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road and N.E.  
 570 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as "U.S. Navy BMC  
 571 Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway."

572 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 573 suitable markers designating U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun  
 574 Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

575 Section 13. Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing  
 576 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 577 erect suitable markers.—

578 (1) That portion of State Road 24 between County Road 347  
 579 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as "Marine  
 580 Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway."

581 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 582 suitable markers designating Marine Lance Corporal Brian R.  
 583 Buesing Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

584 Section 14. United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell  
 585 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 586 erect suitable markers.—

587 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S.

588 Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy  
 589 County is designated as "United States Army Sergeant Karl A.  
 590 Campbell Memorial Highway."

591 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 592 suitable markers designating United States Army Sergeant Karl A.  
 593 Campbell Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

594 Section 15. U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway  
 595 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 596 markers.—

597 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 27A/State Road  
 598 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and  
 599 Town Court in Levy County is designated as "U.S. Army SPC James  
 600 A. Page Memorial Highway."

601 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 602 suitable markers designating U.S. Army SPC James A. Page  
 603 Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

604 Section 16. USS Stark Memorial Drive designated;  
 605 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

606 (1) That portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between  
 607 State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County is  
 608 designated as "USS Stark Memorial Drive."

609 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 610 suitable markers designating USS Stark Memorial Drive as  
 611 described in subsection (1).

612 Section 17. Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF "Malibu" Road  
 613 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 614 markers.—

615 (1) That portion of State Road 44 between U.S. Highway 441

616 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue near the City of Eustis in  
 617 Lake County is designated as "Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF  
 618 'Malibu' Road."

619 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 620 suitable markers designating Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF  
 621 "Malibu" Road as described in subsection (1).

622 Section 18. Veterans Memorial Highway designated;  
 623 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—

624 (1) That portion of State Road 19 between U.S. 17/State  
 625 Road 15 and Carriage Drive in Putnam County is designated as  
 626 "Veterans Memorial Highway."

627 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 628 suitable markers designating Veterans Memorial Highway as  
 629 described in subsection (1).

630 Section 19. U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez  
 631 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 632 erect suitable markers.—

633 (1) That portion of State Road 513 between Banana River  
 634 Drive and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated  
 635 as "U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez Memorial Highway."

636 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 637 suitable markers designating U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel  
 638 Sanchez Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

639 Section 20. U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage  
 640 Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect  
 641 suitable markers.—

642 (1) That portion of State Road A1A between Pinetree Drive  
 643 and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated as

644 "U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage Highway."

645 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 646 suitable markers designating U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin  
 647 Schrage Highway as described in subsection (1).

648 Section 21. Purple Heart Memorial Highway designated;  
 649 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

650 (1) That portion of State Road 20/John Sims Parkway (57-  
 651 040-000) between State Road 85 and the Walton County Line in  
 652 Okaloosa County is designated as "Purple Heart Memorial  
 653 Highway."

654 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 655 suitable markers designating Purple Heart Memorial Highway as  
 656 described in subsection (1).

657 Section 22. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
 658 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.