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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

BUILDING 3, CAPITOL COMPLEX
CHARLESTON, WV 25317

SURVIVING SPOUSE
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL MILITAYR LICENSE PLATE

Names(s) of owner(s) exactly as shown on current registration – For vehicle you wish to register:

Name(s)				Telephone Number
Present Street Address				Current License Plate Number
City		State	Zip	Title Number
Model Year	Make	Vehicle Identification Number		

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Effective Date of Insurance Policy: From _____ To _____

Insurance Company _____

Agent _____ Policy Number _____

1. This application is for the surviving spouse of a veteran who wishes to resume the use of the special military license plate which belonged to the deceased veteran. The surviving spouse is eligible to use the special military license plate until his or her remarriage, non-renewal or death.

2. Use this form only if the surviving spouse has, after the death of the veteran, obtained another license plate for the vehicle.

3. Please indicate which special military license plate the deceased veteran obtained during his lifetime:

_____ Purple Heart
_____ Disabled Veteran
_____ Former Prisoner of War
_____ Other
_____ Pearl Harbor Survivor
_____ Veteran
_____ National Guard

4. Please complete the following information to determine your eligibility. If possible, please attaché an old registration card or any other evidence you might have which shows the license plate listed in the deceased veterans name. You may be asked to provide additional documentation showing your status as the surviving spouse.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of Deceased Veteran _____

Name under which the vehicle was titled _____

Plate Number _____

5. Do you still have the license plate? _____ Yes _____ No

* If you still have the license plate in your possession, a current registration and decal will be issued to reactivate the license plate to the vehicle indicated on the reverse side.

* If you no longer have the license plate, a new plate with the next available number will be issued to you.

6. You are responsible for paying any applicable renewal fees. There are no refunds of any fees for exchanged plates. Your current license plate must be returned to DMV.

After the death of the vehicle owner, the surviving spouse should remove the name of the deceased from the title. This is necessary for insurance and tax purposes and will lessen the burden for legal heirs after the death of the surviving spouse.

In order to transfer the title of a jointly owned vehicle (or appears between the two names) into the surviving spouse's name, the surviving spouse signs the back of the title as the seller. The surviving spouse also completes the remainder of the title and signs as the purchaser and completes the bottom section of the title as the purchaser.

If the title is in the name of the deceased only, or the word and appears between the two names, the administrator or executor of the estate signs as the seller, and the surviving spouse signs as the purchaser. If the word and appears between the names, the surviving spouse must sign as one of the sellers. A copy of the court appointment papers should accompany the application for the transfer of the title. The surviving spouse also completes the bottom section of the title as the purchaser.

In both instances, the surviving spouse should submit the properly reassigned title. The odometer disclosure information, insurance information and current registration card for the vehicle being titled must also be completed.

There are no fees for the transfer of title, if the surviving spouse is the legal heir and you have attached a copy of the court appointment papers.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I am the surviving spouse of a veteran who had a special military license plate, which has not been renewed and that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statements may result in legal penalties pursuant to the West Virginia Motor vehicle Law 17A-9-1; Fraudulent Applications.

(x) _____ _____

Signature of Applicant Date