ENROLLED ACT NO. 39, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to the Wyoming veterans' affairs commission; amending the name of the commission to the Wyoming veterans' commission; conforming the name of the veterans' affairs commission expendable trust fund; conforming other provisions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 19-14-107(a), 19-14-108(a), 31-2-204(b), 31-2-215(d), 31-2-216(h) and 31-2-217(h) are amended to read:

19-14-107. Creation of veterans' commission; composition; terms.

(a) A Wyoming veterans' affairs commission is created within the military department consisting of twelve (12) members, not less than one (1) of whom shall reside in each judicial district identified in W.S. 5-3-101, appointed by the governor for terms of two (2) years. Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation, sex, religion or ethnic background. The governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. A chairman shall be elected by the commission from among its members and a new chairman elected every two (2) years thereafter.

19-14-108. Veterans' cemetery; acquisition and maintenance; eligibility for burial.

(a) Military department, with the approval of the veterans' affairs commission, may acquire a site in this state to be used to establish a cemetery for the interment of veterans of the United States armed forces and for qualified family members of eligible veterans. The approval

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of the local governing body of the county in which the proposed site is located shall be obtained prior to any acquisition of land for this purpose. The department, with the approval of the commission, is empowered to receive any lands granted to the state or any of its political subdivisions. All military cemeteries currently owned by the state of Wyoming shall be operated and controlled by the military department.

31-2-204. Issuance of certificates of registration and license plates by county; form.

Except as otherwise provided, license plates (b) shall be of metal not less than twelve (12) inches long in the left-hand end of which shall be arabic numerals for the county in which issued, followed by the bucking horse and rider emblem and a distinctive number assigned to the vehicle, set forth in numerals and letters as determined by the department and above or underneath such numerals shall be the word "Wyoming" and arabic numerals for the year of issue or validation. License plates issued to dealers and for trailers shall contain appropriate identification which may be in lieu of the bucking horse and rider emblem. License plates shall be changed or validated annually. There shall be a marked contrast between the color of the plate and that of the numerals and letters and the background of all plates shall be fully reflectorized. Motorcycle plates shall not be less than three (3) inches wide and six (6) inches long. Antique license plates shall bear no date and shall bear the inscription "Pioneer Wyo". License stickers for trucks and trailers used by any farmer or rancher for the transportation of livestock, feed or unprocessed agricultural products owned and produced by the farmer or rancher from the place of production to market and of ranch supplies intended solely for the use of the farmer or rancher, and not for sale, on the return trip,

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and not for the transportation of goods and persons for hire shall bear the inscription "Farm". Upon application to the department and payment of a fee as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(xix), veteran license stickers bearing the inscription "Veteran" and designating the conflict service of the veteran may be issued to the veterans' affairs commission in a format approved by the department. The veterans' affairs commission may sell the veteran license sticker to qualified veterans at a fee not to exceed cost, plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per vehicle. Any fees collected by the veterans' affairs commission under this subsection shall be deposited in the veterans' affairs commission expendable trust fund. The veterans' affairs commission shall establish eligibility criteria for veterans applying a veteran license for sticker. A qualified veteran purchasing a veteran license sticker manufactured by the department and sold by the veterans' affairs commission may display the sticker on the license plate issued by the county treasurer. The provisions of W.S. 31-2-205(a)(iv) shall not apply to any veteran license sticker manufactured by the department and displayed as provided in this section.

31-2-215. Disabled veteran's license plates.

(d) A veteran who qualifies for a special license plate under this section may apply to the veterans' affairs commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under W.S. 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered under the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the Wyoming veterans' affairs commission that the veteran was honorably discharged from service and specifying the conflict service of the veteran and payment of the fee established by the commission, the commission shall issue the veteran license sticker for each vehicle for which the veteran has paid the fee established by the commission.

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31-2-216. Special plates; former prisoners of war.

(h) A veteran who qualifies for a special license plate under this section may apply to the veterans' affairs commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under W.S 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered under the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the Wyoming veterans' affairs commission that the veteran was honorably discharged from service and specifying the conflict service of the veteran and payment of the fee established by the commission, the commission shall issue the veteran license sticker for each vehicle for which the veteran has paid the fee established by the commission.

31-2-217. Special plates; Pearl Harbor survivors; national guard members; purple heart recipients.

(h) A veteran who qualifies for a special license plate under this section may apply to the veterans' affairs commission for a veteran license sticker authorized under W.S 31-2-204(b) for each vehicle owned and registered under the name of the veteran. Upon verification by the Wyoming veterans' affairs commission that the veteran was honorably discharged from service and specifying the conflict service of the veteran and payment of the fee established by the commission, the commission shall issue the veteran license sticker for each vehicle for which the veteran has paid the fee established by the commission. ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>0136</u>

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk