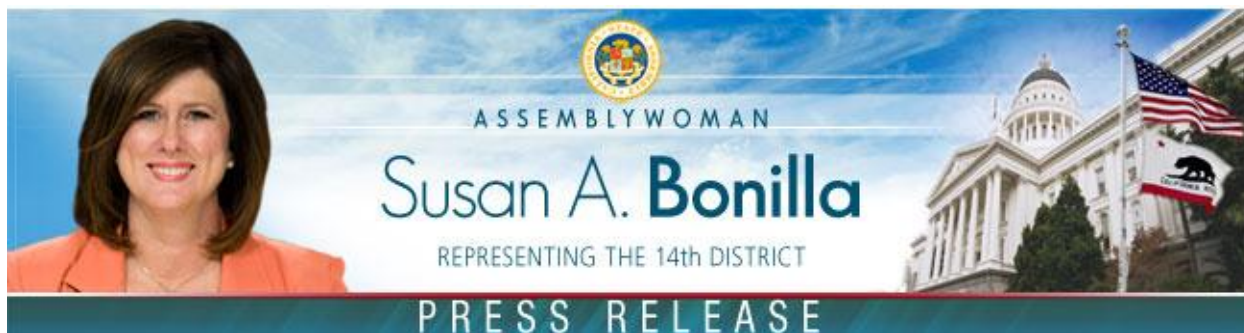




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California Veterans Honored With New License Plate

Governor Brown Signs Bonilla Legislation to Reestablish "Veteran" Plate.

SACRAMENTO – Governor Jerry Brown has signed Assembly Bill 244, authored by Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord), which reestablishes the "Veteran" license plate for Californians who have served in the armed forces.

"California veterans can once again purchase a California license plate that specifically identifies them as a veteran," said Assemblywoman Bonilla. "Furthermore, the funds from this license plate will help veterans gain access to their guaranteed benefits including employment, retirement, medical and housing assistance."

Assembly Bill 244 authorizes the issuance of a specialty license plate for veterans. Revenue derived from the sale of the license plate will be deposited into the County Veterans Service Officer Fund.

"This Veteran license plate provides a critical opportunity for veterans to display their pride in their service and an opportunity to fund valuable county resources that reflect our pride in their service," said Nathan D. Johnson, Veterans Service Officer, Contra Costa County.

California has the largest population of veterans in the nation. Slightly less than two million veterans reside in California, with over 37,000 veterans returning to California each year.

AB 244 was cosponsored by the American Legion-Department of California, AMVETS-Department of California, California Association of County Veterans Service Officers, California State Commanders Veterans Council, VFW-Department of California, and the Vietnam Veterans of America-California State Council. The bill was also supported by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, California Mental Health Directors Association, and the Rural County Representatives of California.

Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla was first elected to the Assembly in November 2010, and represents California's 14th Assembly District, which is comprised of the north and central portions of Contra Costa County and southern portion of Solano County.

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