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## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Bill: House File 651  
Committee: Transportation  
Date: May 26, 2011  
Staff: Kristi Kielhorn (2-5290)  
Members: Representative Garrett

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### Civil War Plates

House File 651 creates seven new license plates. They are a civil war sesquicentennial plate, combat infantryman badge plate, combat action badge plate, combat action ribbon plate, air force combat action medal plate, combat medical badge plate, and a fallen peace officer plate.

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### Summary of Action

Passed House Transportation 21-0  
Passed House Appropriations 25-0  
Passed House 93-1  
Passed Senate 49-0  
Signed by Governor

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### Section by Section Analysis

#### Sections 1 through 3—New License Plates

The requirement for each of the new plates in HF 651, including the Civil War plate, would be 250 preorders, each accompanied by \$20 for start-up costs. That would equal the \$5,000 DOT usually requires for creation of a special plate. The \$20 is an extra fee, not part of the \$25 special plate fee that will go to the veteran's fund.

The usual process for new plates, when a plate is proposed, is that the DOT approves the emblem design to start the process. Following creation of the emblem, the sponsoring party takes care of preorders and prepayments until the full amount (\$5,000) is collected. Actual production does not begin until the start-up costs are paid in full. In this case the DOT will handle the pre-orders.