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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing distinctive registration motor vehicle plates for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>11/12/2014</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins for legislation to establish a distinctive registration plate for the families of the men and women in the armed forces of the United States who were killed in action or who died while in service.  
Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen  
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An Act establishing distinctive registration motor vehicle plates for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith funding and memorial efforts for the men and women in the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States of America, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 2E of Chapter 90 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following:

3           (e) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owners of private passenger motor  
4 vehicles distinctive registration plates which shall display a warrior's silhouette in the  
5 background and a soldier's cross with a gold star in the background and the words "Honor Their  
6 Sacrifice" to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to  
7 the United States of America.

8           There shall be a fee of not less than \$40 for such plates in addition to the established  
9 registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles, which shall be payable at the time of  
10 registration of such vehicle and at each renewal thereof. One such license plate may be issued  
11 free of charge to the parents, children, sibling or spouse of a member of the United States armed  
12 forces killed in action or who died while in service.

13           The portion of the total fee remaining after the deduction of the costs directly attributable  
14 to the issuance of such plates shall be deposited in a registry retained revenue account and of the  
15 remaining portion: (1) 75 per cent shall be directed to the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan  
16 Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund, Inc. and distributed by that fund at its discretion for the benefit of  
17 the construction and maintenance of the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes  
18 Memorial and its programs and services, veteran's memorials and fallen heroes memorials  
19 throughout the Commonwealth; (2) 12.5 per cent shall be directed to Massachusetts Fallen  
20 Heroes and Veterans Scholarship Fund and distributed by that fund at its discretion to benefit  
21 Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism and Gold Star Families and Siblings with educational  
22 assistance; and (3) 12.5 per cent shall be directed to the Veterans Edge Innovation Program to  
23 aid veterans.