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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 relative to distinctive registration plates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*
James M. Cantwell	*4th Plymouth*
Leah Cole	*12th Essex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Diana DiZoglio	*14th Essex*
Kenneth J. Donnelly	*Fourth Middlesex*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Barry R. Finegold	*Second Essex and Middlesex*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*
Daniel Hunt	*13th Suffolk*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*

Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Wayne Matewsky	*28th Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Leonard Mirra	*2nd Essex*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Richard T. Moore	*Worcester and Norfolk*
Frank A. Moran	*17th Essex*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Keiko M. Orrall	*12th Bristol*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Michael J. Rodrigues	*First Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald F. Humason, Jr., James M. Cantwell, Leah Cole and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to distinctive registration plates. Transportation.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to distinctive registration plates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2F of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking paragraph (a) in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

"(a) The registrar shall design, issue and regulate the use of distinctive registration plates, subject to the following conditions: an organization sponsoring or requesting a distinctive registration plate shall submit individual, pre-paid applications, each accompanied by a nonrefundable check in the amount of $40, requesting the distinctive registration plate on an application form determined by the registrar, and the application form shall include the name, address and signature of each individual requesting the distinctive registration plate. The organization or group shall also be required to post a bond to secure the issuance of the distinctive plate in the following amount:

(i) a $200,000 bond when submitting 500 pre-paid applications;

(ii) a $150,000 bond when submitting 1,000 pre-paid applications; or

(iii) a $100,000 bond when submitting 1,500 pre-paid applications.

Upon the completion of the submission of the bond and the individual applications, the organization or group requesting the distinctive registration plate shall submit a proposed design for the plate. Those organizations or groups that submit 3,000 pre-paid applications shall not be required to post a bond. The registrar shall approve the design within 90 days of its submission.

After the registrar grants approval of the design, the registrar shall send the distinctive registration plate into production.