

SENATE No. 1884

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:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1884) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation relative to distinctive registration plates. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2244 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2F of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking paragraph (a) in its entirety and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 “(a) The registrar shall design, issue and regulate the use of distinctive registration plates,
5 subject to the following conditions: an organization sponsoring or requesting a distinctive
6 registration plate shall submit individual, pre-paid applications, each accompanied by a
7 nonrefundable check in the amount of \$40, requesting the distinctive registration plate on an
8 application form determined by the registrar, and the application form shall include the name,
9 address and signature of each individual requesting the distinctive registration plate. The

10 organization or group shall also be required to post a bond to secure the issuance of the
11 distinctive plate in the following amount:

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

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

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

15 Upon the completion of the submission of the bond and the individual applications, the
16 organization or group requesting the distinctive registration plate shall submit a proposed design
17 for the plate. Those organizations or groups that submit 3,000 pre-paid applications shall not be
18 required to post a bond. The registrar shall approve the design within 90 days of its submission.
19 After the registrar grants approval of the design, the registrar shall send the distinctive
20 registration plate into production.