

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1807**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 allowing for a Legion of Merit license plate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1807) of James M. Cantwell that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue a distinctive motor vehicle registration plate to certain veterans awarded the “Legion of Merit”. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2960 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act allowing for a Legion of Merit license plate.

*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 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after line 523 the following new paragraph:

3           “The registrar shall furnish without charge to owners of private passenger motor vehicles  
4 who are veterans as defined in said clause forty-third of said section seven of said chapter four  
5 who have been awarded the Legion of Merit and upon evidence deemed satisfactory by the  
6 registrar, distinctive registration plates bearing the words “LEGION OF MERIT RECIPIENT”  
7 for one private passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by such Legion of Merit  
8 recipient or a distinctive emblem to be affixed to a “VETERAN” registration plate for a  
9 motorcycle owned and principally used by such recipient; provided however, that the surviving  
10 spouse of a deceased recipient of the Legion of Merit may elect to retain such distinctive

11 registration plates or emblem for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee  
12 for private passenger motor vehicles or motorcycles and an additional annual twenty dollar fee  
13 until such time as such spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels such registration.”