

HOUSE No. 3169

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis and Aaron Vega

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 Purple Heart registration plates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>

<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Messrs. Velis of Westfield and Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3169) of John C. Velis, Aaron Vega and others relative to Purple Heart registration plates issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to Purple Heart 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 2 of Chapter 90 of the general laws are hereby amended by
2 removing the sixteenth paragraph and inserting in its place the following:-

3 The registrar shall furnish to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who are
4 veterans as defined in said clause Forty-third of said section seven of said chapter four who have
5 been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and upon evidence deemed satisfactory by the
6 registrar, distinctive registration plates bearing the image of a Purple Heart Medal for any private
7 passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle owned by such Purple Heart recipient. The first set of
8 such registration plates issued to an eligible veteran must be furnished at no charge. The registrar
9 may charge the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles or motorcycles
10 for each additional set of such registration plates or emblems. A surviving spouse of a deceased
11 recipient of the Purple Heart may elect to retain such distinctive registration plates for personal
12 use upon payment of the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles or

- 13 motorcycles and an additional annual twenty dollar fee until such time as such spouse remarries
- 14 or fails to renew or cancels such registration.