

HOUSE No. 3312

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

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 for veterans' spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>9/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3312) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to distinctive registration plates for the spouses of veterans. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to distinctive registration plates for veterans' spouses.

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 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by deleting paragraph 16 and inserting the following:

3 The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of private passenger motor
4 vehicles and motorcycles who are veterans or a spouse of a veteran, as defined in clause Forty-
5 third of section 7 of chapter 4 and upon presentation of evidence deemed satisfactory by the
6 registrar, distinctive registration plates bearing on the left side the word "VETERAN". These
7 plates shall also include a distinctive emblem or decal for those individuals who are a veteran
8 spouse or those who have been awarded the Iraqi Freedom Campaign Ribbon or who served in
9 Operation Enduring Freedom. There shall be an annual \$20 fee for such "VETERAN" plates in
10 addition to the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles.
11 For the purposes of this paragraph, the word "motorcycles" shall not include motorized bicycles.