

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 regarding Veteran RMV Plate distinction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>6/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to veteran motor vehicle plate distinctions by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Transportation.

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

An Act regarding Veteran RMV Plate distinction.

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, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the eighteenth paragraph in its entirety and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 The registrar shall furnish, at the request of an owner of a motorcycle or a motor vehicle
5 who has been issued "VETERAN" plates pursuant to this section, a distinctive emblem to be
6 affixed to such plates which identifies the branch of the armed services in which such owner
7 served, the receipt of the Silver star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, or Air Medal by
8 such owner or the wartime service in which such owner served as defined in clause Forty-third of
9 section seven of chapter four. The registrar may charge a fee directly attributable to the cost of
10 issuance of such emblem, provided, however, that the registrar shall furnish without charge to
11 owners of private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles who received the Silver star, Bronze
12 star, Distinguished Flying Cross, or Air Medal a "VETERAN" plate and an emblem representing

13 the awarding of said Silver star, Bronze star, Distinguished Flying Cross, or Air Medal for one
14 private passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle owned and principally used by such recipient. The
15 surviving spouse of a deceased recipient may elect to retain the distinctive registration plate and
16 distinctive emblem for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee and an
17 additional \$20 fee until such time as the spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels the
18 registration.