

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4691**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James K. Hawkins and Kelly W. Pease***

*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 establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>8/15/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>8/21/2025</i>
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>
<i>Michelle L. Badger</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>
<i>Lisa Field</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>9/10/2025</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker-Reid</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>10/1/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/11/2025</i>
<i>Ryan M. Hamilton</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>9/11/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>9/25/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/10/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>9/10/2025</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>9/10/2025</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>9/18/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>9/11/2025</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>9/9/2025</i>

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By Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro and Pease of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and Kelly W. Pease relative to establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing an Orange Star license plate for veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The registrar shall furnish, without charge to owners of private passenger motor vehicles  
2 who reside in Massachusetts, the Orange Star plate. Upon evidence deemed satisfactory by the  
3 registrar, registration plates bearing the Orange Star distinctive emblem that identifies Vietnam  
4 veterans who have a documented medical condition that the VA attributes to service in Vietnam  
5 for one private passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle owned and principally used by such  
6 recipient; provided, however, that the surviving spouse of a deceased recipient may elect to  
7 retain such distinctive registration plates or emblem for personal use upon payment of the  
8 established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles or motorcycles and an additional  
9 annual twenty dollar fee until such spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels such  
10 registration. This recognition is not officially a military medal, but a symbol of appreciation for  
11 those affected by Agent Orange.