

Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill Summary

Bill #: H.2264

Title: An Act relative to free parking for veterans

Sponsor: Rep. Rodney Elliott

Committee: Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: June 24, 2025

Current Law: Section 22 of MGL Chapter 40 (powers and duties of cities and towns) governs regulation of vehicles; penalties for violation; disabled veterans and handicapped persons excepted from parking violations; taxicab licenses.

The second paragraph of Section 22A of said Chapter 40 states, in part, that any city or town acting under this section shall further regulate the parking of vehicles on ways within its said control by restricting certain areas thereon for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinctive number plates authorized by Section 2 of Chapter 90.

Section 20A of Chapter 90 governs the enforcement of parking regulations by cities and towns.

Section 20A½ of Chapter 90 governs the enforcement of parking regulations in the cities of Boston and Cambridge and any other city or town which accepts this section.

Summary: The legislation amends four statutes to provide that no penalty, fee, fine or violation shall be imposed or exacted upon any veteran whose vehicle bears the distinctive number plate, or special parking identification plate authorized by law, by any city or town for the parking of any such vehicle. This would effectively allow any veteran driving a motor vehicle that has valid veteran identification plates to park in any parking space within the affected cities or towns.