

By Mr. Fitzgerald of Boston, petition of Kevin W. Fitzgerald that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be authorized to issue special plates for veterans. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS.

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. The Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall be
2 authorized to issue, upon request, special license plates to an
3 applicant who served in the active military service in a branch of
4 the armed forces of the United States, was discharged under
5 honorable conditions, and is an owner or joint owner of a motor
6 vehicle included within the definition of a passenger automobile
7 on payment of a fee not more than the cost of producing said
8 special plate, payment of registration fee required by law and
9 compliance with all other laws relating to registration and
10 licensing of motor vehicles and drivers. The fee is payable for each
11 set of plates, is payable only when plates are issued and is not
12 payable in a year when tabs or stickers are issued instead of
13 number plates. An applicant must not be issued more than two
14 sets of plates for vehicles owned or jointly owned by the applicant.
15 The veteran shall have a certified copy of the veteran's discharge
16 papers, indicating character of discharge, at the time of
17 application.

1 SECTION 2. The Commissioner of veterans services shall
2 design the special plates, subject to the approval of the registrar,
3 that satisfy the following requirements:

4 (a) For a Vietnam veteran who served in the Republic of
5 Vietnam during the Vietnam War as defined by the Commissioner

6 of veterans services and/or the Commonwealth, the plates must
7 bear the inscription: "VIETNAM VETERAN"

8 (b) For a veteran who served during World War I or World
9 War II, the special plates must bear the inscription "WORLD
10 WAR VETERAN" and

11 (1) For a World War I veteran, the characters "WWI" will be
12 placed after the words "WORLD WAR"

13 (2) For a World War II veteran, the characters "WWII" will
14 be placed after the words "WORLD WAR"

15 For a veteran who served during the Korean War, the special
16 plates shall bear the inscription, "KOREAN WAR VETERAN",

1 SECTION 3. The Commissioner of veterans services shall
2 estimate the number of special plates that will be required and
3 submit the estimate to the registrar.

4 Nothing in this Act shall alter existing special license plates for
5 Ex Prisoners of War and Disabled Veterans nor shall it alter the
6 exemption for disabled veterans as provided by law.