

HOUSE No. 4638

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente and another relative to distinctive registration plates for retired military personnel. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES TO 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 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
- 3 word "member", in line 147, the following sentence: — The
- 4 registrar may issue, to retired military personnel, upon
- 5 presentation of satisfactory evidence of such status, as determined
- 6 by the registrar, distinctive registration plates for one pleasure
- 7 passenger vehicle owned and principally used by such personnel.

Section 1038 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, provides that the estate tax credit for tax on gifts paid by the decedent shall be limited to the amount of gift tax paid by the decedent.

The Amendment of Section 1038

The amendment to Section 1038 is contained in the following language:

Section 1038. Credit for tax on gifts paid by decedent. (a) In computing the estate tax payable by the decedent, there shall be allowed as a credit for tax on gifts paid by the decedent the amount of such tax paid by the decedent.

The amendment is effective for estates of decedents who die after 1954.

The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the law by providing that the credit for tax on gifts paid by the decedent shall be limited to the amount of such tax paid by the decedent. This is in accordance with the intent of the Congress in amending Section 1038 in 1954.