

HOUSE No. 1210

By Mr. Skerry of Medford (by request), petition of Elton R. Alden that certain disabled veterans be provided with distinctive number plates for motor vehicles registered by them. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NUMBER PLATES OF A DISTINCTIVE TYPE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED BY CERTAIN DISABLED 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 The seventh paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 section 3 of chapter 644 of the acts of 1949, is hereby
4 further amended by inserting after the word "ankle"
5 in line 15 the following: — , or by veterans who suffer
6 eighty per cent or more disability, whether or not such
7 disability exists because of service in said armed
8 forces, — so as to read as follows: — The registrar
9 shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every
10 person whose motor vehicle is registered under this
11 chapter, two number plates of suitable design, and to
12 every person whose trailer is so registered, one such
13 number plate, having displayed thereon the register

14 number assigned to that vehicle; provided, that num-
15 ber plates assigned to ambulances, fire engines and
16 apparatus, police patrol wagons and other vehicles
17 used by the police department of any city or town or
18 park board solely for the official business of such de-
19 partment or board, and pleasure passenger vehicles
20 owned by veterans who, according to the records of
21 the United States Veterans' Administration, by rea-
22 son of service in the armed forces of the United States
23 have suffered loss, or loss or use, of any arm at or
24 above the wrist or of any leg at or above the ankle, or
25 by veterans who suffer eighty per cent or more dis-
26 ability, whether or not such disability exists because
27 of service in said armed forces, may be of a distinctive
28 type or types. The number plates so furnished shall,
29 except as provided by section nine, and except in case
30 the registrar for any valid reason extends the time,
31 be valid only for the year for which they are issued.
32 If the registrar extends the time he may make rules
33 and regulations requiring the display of visible evi-
34 dence upon every motor vehicle that it has been regis-
35 tered and that the plates in use thereon are valid. Any
36 plate becoming illegible because of construction de-
37 fects shall be replaced by the registrar without cost.