

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
239 CAUSEWAY STREET, SUITE 100
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114, NOVEMBER 1, 2000.

The Honorable Steven James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. James:

In accordance with G.L. c. 30 sec. 33, as amended by St. 1995, c. 165, the Department of Veterans' Services herewith respectfully submits for filing and action in the 2001 legislative session, the following bill for the Department of Veterans' Services.

1. Department of Veterans' Services

1. AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL VETERAN PLATES.

This bill would make the surviving spouse of a veteran killed in the line of duty eligible for same distinctive plate the veteran would have been entitled to, had he survived.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. COREY,
General Counsel.

Recommendation of the Department of Veterans' Services (accompanied by bill, House, No. 228). Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL VETERAN PLATES.

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, as appearing in the 1996 Official
2 Edition, is amended by inserting after line 439, the following
3 paragraph:—

4 The Registrar shall furnish without charge to the owner of a
5 private passenger motor vehicle who is the surviving spouse of a
6 veteran killed in the line of duty and who was awarded the
7 Congressional Medal of Honor, the Order of the Purple Heart, the
8 Silver or Bronze Star, the same distinctive registration plate and
9 emblem to which the veteran would have been entitled, had the
10 veteran survived. The surviving spouse may retain said plate for
11 personal use once he or she no longer renews his or her
12 registration.