

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, petition of Theodore C. Speliotis and Michael McNulty for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue a Vietnam veteran license plate for veterans of the Vietnam War. Transportation.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO CREATE A VIETNAM VETERAN LICENSE PLATE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section 2 the  
3 following paragraph:—

4 The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of private  
5 motor vehicles and motorcycles who are Vietnam Veterans as  
6 defined by the United States Veterans Administration, and upon evi-  
7 dence deemed satisfactory by the registrar, distinctive registration  
8 plates bearing the words “VIET-NAM-VETERAN” and accom-  
9 panied by a distinctive logo as created by Michael McNulty of Dan-  
10 vers.

11 There shall be a seventy-six dollar fee for said plates in addition  
12 to the established registration fee for private passenger motor vehi-  
13 cles and motorcycles. Upon the issuance of motor vehicle registra-  
14 tion plates bearing the words “VIET-NAM-VETERAN”, the  
15 registrar shall deduct the costs directly attributable to the issuance of  
16 such plates and the balance remaining to the Soldiers’ Homes in  
17 Chelsea and Holyoke, Massachusetts. Sixty per cent of the total rev-  
18 enues shall be deposited into a retained revenue account at the Sol-  
19 diers’ Home in Chelsea, and forty per cent of the total revenues shall  
20 be deposited into a retained revenue account at the Soldiers’ Home  
21 in Holyoke. The funds generated by the sale of such plates shall be  
22 used at the soldiers’ homes for facility maintenance and patient care,  
23 including personnel costs. At no time shall any portion of the rev-  
24 enues be paid into the general fund.

25 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or specific law to  
26 the contrary, the first “VIET-NAM-VETERAN” plate shall be cre-  
27 ated for Michael McNulty of Danvers.