

By Mrs. Sprague, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1284) of Jo Ann Sprague, Bruce E. Tarr and Michael R. Knapik for legislation relative to certain veterans' registration plates. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN VETERANS' REGISTRATION 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 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the seventeenth paragraph, as appearing in the 1996
3 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph:—

5 The registrar shall furnish, at the request of an owner of a
6 motor vehicle who has been issued "VETERAN" plates pursuant
7 to this section, a distinctive emblem to be affixed to the left side
8 of such plates which identifies the branch of the armed services in
9 which such owner served, the receipt of the Silver or Bronze Star
10 or Distinguished Flying Cross by such owner or the wartime
11 service in which such owner served as defined in clause Forty-
12 third of section 6 of chapter 4. The registrar may charge a fee
13 directly attributable to the cost of issuance of such emblem; pro-
14 vided, however, that the registrar shall furnish without charge
15 to owners of private passenger motor vehicles who received the
16 Silver or Bronze Star or Distinguished Flying Cross a "VETERAN"
17 plate and emblem representing the awarding of said Silver or
18 Bronze Star or Distinguished Flying Cross for one private pas-
19 senger motor vehicle owned and principally used by such recip-
20 ient. The surviving spouse of a deceased recipient may elect to
21 retain such distinctive registration plate and distinctive emblem
22 for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee
23 and an additional annual \$20 fee until such time as such spouse
24 remarries or fails to renew or cancels such registration.

