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13 Pittsford, Smith of New Haven, Townsend of South Burlington,
14 Winters of Williamstown, and Yantachka of Charlotte

15 Referred to Committee on

16 Date:

17 Subject: Motor vehicles; operator's license; enhanced license; commercial
18 driver license; identification card; veteran indicator

19 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide for a
20 designation of veteran status to be placed on a motor vehicle license, enhanced
21 license, commercial driver license, or nondriver identification card, at the
22 option of the veteran.

1 An act relating to a veteran designation on motor vehicle licenses and
2 nondriver identification cards

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

5 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

6 (a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the ~~commissioner~~
7 Commissioner and be issued an identification card which is attested by the
8 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner as to true name, correct age, and any other
9 identifying data as the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may require which shall
10 include, in the case of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's
11 parent, guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis. Every application
12 for an identification card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain
13 such evidence of age and identity as the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may
14 require. New and renewal application forms shall include a space for the
15 applicant to request that a "veteran" designation be placed on his or her
16 identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), requests a
17 veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form 214 or other
18 proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of
19 Veterans Affairs confirms his or her status as an honorably discharged veteran,
20 the identification card shall include the term "veteran" on its face. The
21 ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of \$20.00 at the
22 time application for an identification card is made.

1 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, on the
2 fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue, and may
3 be renewed every four years upon payment of a \$20.00 fee. At least 30 days
4 before an identification card will expire, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall
5 mail first class to the cardholder an application to renew the identification card.

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7 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 603 is amended to read:

8 § 603. APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

9 (a)(1) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner or his or her authorized agent may
10 license operators and junior operators when an application, on a form
11 prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner, signed and sworn to by the
12 applicant for the license, is filed with him or her, accompanied by the required
13 license fee and any valid license from another state or Canadian jurisdiction is
14 surrendered.

15 (2) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may, however, in his or her
16 discretion, refuse to issue a license to any person whenever he or she is
17 satisfied from information given him or her by credible persons, and upon
18 investigation, that the person is mentally or physically unfit, or because of his
19 or her habits, or record as to accidents or convictions, is unsafe to be trusted
20 with the operation of motor vehicles. A person refused a license, under the
21 provisions of this subsection or section 605 of this title, shall be entitled to
22 hearing as provided in sections 105-107 of this title.

1 Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 7 is amended to read:

2 § 7. ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE; MAINTENANCE OF DATABASE
3 INFORMATION; FEE

4 (a) The face of an enhanced license shall contain the individual's name,
5 date of birth, gender, a unique identification number, full facial photograph or
6 imaged likeness, address, signature, issuance and expiration dates, ~~and~~
7 citizenship, and, if applicable, a veteran designation. The back of the enhanced
8 license shall have a machine-readable zone. A Gen 2 vicinity Radio Frequency
9 Identification chip shall be embedded in the enhanced license in compliance
10 with the security standards of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Any
11 additional personal identity information not currently required by the
12 Department of Homeland Security shall need the approval of either the ~~general~~
13 ~~assembly~~ General Assembly or the ~~legislative committee on administrative~~
14 ~~rules~~ Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules prior to the
15 implementation of the requirements.

16 (b) In addition to any other requirement of law or rule, before an enhanced
17 license may be issued to a person, the person shall present for inspection and
18 copying satisfactory documentary evidence to determine identity and United
19 States citizenship. An application shall be accompanied by: a photo identity
20 document, documentation showing the person's date and place of birth, proof
21 of the person's Social Security number, and documentation showing the
22 person's principal residence address. New and renewal application forms shall

1 include a space for the applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be
2 placed on the enhanced license. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2),
3 requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form
4 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the
5 Office of Veterans Affairs confirms his or her status as an honorably
6 discharged veteran, the identification card shall include the term “veteran” on
7 its face. To be issued, an enhanced license must meet the same requirements
8 as those for the issuance of a United States passport. Before an application
9 may be processed, the documents and information shall be verified as
10 determined by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner. Any additional personal
11 identity information not currently required by the Department of Homeland
12 Security shall need the approval of either the ~~general assembly~~ General
13 Assembly or the ~~legislative committee on administrative rules~~ Legislative
14 Committee on Administrative Rules prior to the implementation of the
15 requirements.

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17 Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 4110 is amended to read:

18 § 4110. APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

19 (a) The application for a commercial driver license or commercial driver
20 instruction permit shall include the following:

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