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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; motorcycles; registration; veterans; special plates

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to authorize the department of motor  
vehicles to issue special registration plates for use by veterans on motorcycles.

An act relating to special registration plates for veterans for use on  
motorcycles

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304(j) is amended to read:

(j) The commissioner of motor vehicles shall, upon proper application,  
issue special plates to Vermont veterans, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), for  
use ~~only~~ on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate, on motorcycles, and on

1 trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds, and excluding vehicles registered  
2 under the International Registration Plan. The type and style of the veterans'  
3 plate shall be determined by the commissioner, except that an American flag,  
4 or a veteran- or military-related emblem selected by the commissioner and the  
5 Vermont office of veterans' affairs shall appear on one side of the plate. At a  
6 minimum, emblems shall be available to recognize recipients of the Purple  
7 Heart, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, and disabled veterans.  
8 An applicant shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and the  
9 applicant's status both as a veteran and as a member of one of the groups  
10 recognized will be certified by the office of veterans' affairs. The plates shall  
11 be reissued only to the original holder of the plates or the surviving spouse.  
12 The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this  
13 subsection. Except for new or renewed registrations, applications for the  
14 issuance of veterans' plates shall be processed in the order received by the  
15 department subject to normal workflow considerations. The costs associated  
16 with developing new emblems shall be borne by the department of motor  
17 vehicles.