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Introduced by Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven, Acinapura of Brandon,  
Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Cheney of  
Norwich, Condon of Colchester, Devereux of Mount Holly,  
Donaghy of Poultney, Edwards of Brattleboro, Helm of  
Castleton, Higley of Lowell, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of  
Essex, Johnson of Canaan, Larocque of Barnet, Mitchell of  
Barnard, Pearce of Richford, Perley of Enosburg, Rodgers of  
Glover, Savage of Swanton, Shaw of Pittsford, Stevens of  
Shoreham, Till of Jericho and Turner of Milton

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; registration certificates; number plates; veteran  
motorcycle plate

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a veteran motorcycle  
registration plate with the letters "MTC" along the side and the word  
"Veteran" along the bottom of the plate.

1 An act relating to establishing a veteran motorcycle registration plate

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

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

4 (j) The commissioner of motor vehicles shall, upon proper application,  
5 issue special plates to Vermont veterans, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), for  
6 use ~~only~~ on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate and on trucks registered  
7 for less than 26,001 pounds and excluding vehicles registered under the  
8 International Registration Plan. The type and style of the veterans' plate shall  
9 be determined by the commissioner, except that an American flag, or a  
10 veteran- or military-related emblem selected by the commissioner and the  
11 Vermont office of veterans' affairs shall appear on one side of the plate. At a  
12 minimum, emblems shall be available to recognize recipients of the Purple  
13 Heart, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, and disabled veterans.  
14 The commissioner shall, upon proper application, issue special plates to  
15 Vermont veterans for use on vehicles registered at the motorcycle rate. The  
16 type and style of the veterans' plate shall be determined by the commissioner,  
17 except that the plate shall include the letters "MTC" along the side and the  
18 word "Veteran" along the bottom of the plate. An applicant shall apply on a  
19 form prescribed by the commissioner, and the applicant's status both as a  
20 veteran and as a member of one of the groups recognized will be certified by  
21 the office of veterans' affairs. The plates shall be reissued only to the original

1 holder of the plates or the surviving spouse. The commissioner may adopt  
2 rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. Except for new or  
3 renewed registrations, applications for the issuance of veterans' plates shall be  
4 processed in the order received by the department subject to normal workflow  
5 considerations. The costs associated with developing new emblems shall be  
6 borne by the department of motor vehicles.