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7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Motor vehicles; veterans; driver's licenses; nondriver identification

10 cards; commercial driver's licenses; number plates

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to extend the  
12 issuance of Department of Motor Vehicles credentials and number plates with  
13 a veteran designation to individuals disabled during active duty for training.

14 An act relating to Department of Motor Vehicles credentials and number  
15 plates with veteran designations

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

17 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 7(b) is amended to read:

18 (b) In addition to any other requirement of law or rule, before an enhanced  
19 license may be issued to ~~a person~~ an individual, the ~~person~~ individual shall  
20 present for inspection and copying satisfactory documentary evidence to

1 determine identity and U.S. citizenship. An application shall be accompanied  
2 by: a photo identity document, documentation showing the ~~person's~~  
3 individual's date and place of birth, proof of the ~~person's~~ individual's Social  
4 Security number, and documentation showing the ~~person's~~ individual's  
5 principal residence address. New and renewal application forms shall include  
6 a space for the applicant to request that a "veteran" designation be placed on  
7 the enhanced license. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) and  
8 including an individual disabled during active military, naval, air, or space  
9 service, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(24), requests a veteran designation and  
10 provides a Department of Defense Form 214 or other proof of veteran status  
11 specified by the Commissioner, and the Office of ~~Veterans~~ Veterans' Affairs  
12 confirms ~~his or her~~ the individual's status as an honorably discharged veteran  
13 ~~or;~~ a veteran discharged under honorable conditions; or an individual disabled  
14 during active military, naval, air, or space service, the identification card shall  
15 include the term "veteran" on its face. To be issued, an enhanced license must  
16 meet the same requirements as those for the issuance of a U.S. passport.  
17 Before an application may be processed, the documents and information shall  
18 be verified as determined by the Commissioner. Any additional personal  
19 identity information not currently required by the U.S. Department of  
20 Homeland Security shall need the approval of either the General Assembly or

1 the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules prior to the  
2 implementation of the requirements.

3 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

4 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

5 (a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and  
6 be issued an identification card that is attested by the Commissioner as to true  
7 name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address is  
8 requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other  
9 identifying data as the Commissioner may require that shall include, in the case  
10 of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent, guardian, or  
11 other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an identification  
12 card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such evidence of age  
13 and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with subsection (l) of  
14 this section. New and renewal application forms shall include a space for the  
15 applicant to request that a "veteran" designation be placed on the applicant's  
16 identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) and including  
17 an individual disabled during active military, naval, air, or space service, as  
18 defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(24), requests a veteran designation and provides a  
19 Department of Defense Form 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by  
20 the Commissioner, and the Office of ~~Veterans~~ Veterans' Affairs confirms the  
21 veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran or a veteran discharged

1 under honorable conditions; or an individual disabled during active military,  
2 naval, air, or space service, the identification card shall include the term  
3 “veteran” on its face. The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of  
4 \$24.00 at the time application for an identification card is made, except that an  
5 initial nondriver identification card shall be issued at no charge to an individual  
6 who surrenders ~~his or her~~ an individual’s license in connection with a  
7 suspension or revocation under subsection 636(b) of this title due to a physical  
8 or mental condition.

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10 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 304 is amended to read:

11 § 304. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES; NUMBER PLATES; VANITY  
12 AND OTHER SPECIAL PLATES

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14 (j) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, upon proper application,  
15 issue special plates to Vermont veterans, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) and  
16 including an individual disabled during active military, naval, air, or space  
17 service, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(24), and to members of the U.S. Armed  
18 Forces, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(10), for use on vehicles registered at the  
19 pleasure car rate, on vehicles registered at the motorcycle rate, and on trucks  
20 registered for less than 26,001 pounds and excluding vehicles registered under  
21 the International Registration Plan. The type and style of the plate shall be

1 determined by the Commissioner, except that an American flag, or a veteran-  
2 or military-related emblem selected by the Commissioner and the Vermont  
3 Office of Veterans' Affairs shall appear on one side of the plate. At a  
4 minimum, emblems shall be available to recognize recipients of the Purple  
5 Heart, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, and disabled veterans.  
6 An applicant shall apply on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, and the  
7 applicant's eligibility as a member of one of the groups recognized will be  
8 certified by the Office of Veterans' Affairs. The plates shall be reissued only  
9 to the original holder of the plates or the surviving spouse. The Commissioner  
10 may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. Except for  
11 new or renewed registrations, applications for the issuance of plates under this  
12 subsection shall be processed in the order received by the Department subject  
13 to normal workflow considerations. The costs associated with developing new  
14 emblems shall be borne by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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16 Sec. 4. 23 V.S.A. § 610(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) The Commissioner shall assign a distinguishing number to each  
18 licensee and shall furnish the licensee with a license certificate that shows the  
19 number and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and residential address,  
20 except that at the request of the licensee, the licensee's mailing address may be  
21 listed, or an alternative address may be listed if otherwise authorized by law.

1 The certificate also shall include a brief physical description and a space for  
2 the signature of the licensee. The license shall be void until signed by the  
3 licensee. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) and including an  
4 individual disabled during active military, naval, air, or space service, as  
5 defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(24), requests a veteran designation and provides  
6 proof of veteran status as specified in subdivision 603(a)(3) of this title, and  
7 the Office of ~~Veterans~~ Veterans' Affairs confirms ~~his or her~~ the individual's  
8 status as an honorably discharged veteran ~~or~~ a veteran discharged under  
9 honorable conditions; or an individual disabled during active military, naval,  
10 air, or space service, the license certificate shall include the term "veteran" on  
11 its face.

12 Sec. 5. 23 V.S.A. § 4111 is amended to read:

13 § 4111. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

14 (a) Contents of license. A commercial driver's license shall be marked  
15 "commercial driver's license" or "CDL" and shall be, to the maximum extent  
16 practicable, tamper proof and shall include the following information:

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18 (12) A veteran designation if a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2)  
19 and including an individual disabled during active military, naval, air, or space  
20 service, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(24), requests the designation and  
21 provides proof of veteran status as specified in subdivision 4110(a)(5) of this

1 title, and if the Office of ~~Veterans~~ Veterans' Affairs confirms ~~his or her~~ the  
2 individual's status as an honorably discharged veteran ~~or~~; a veteran discharged  
3 under honorable conditions; or an individual disabled during active military,  
4 naval, air, or space service.

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6 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on passage.