

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Transportation to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 256 entitled “An act relating to Department of Motor Vehicles credentials and
4 number plates with veteran designations” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: That a new Sec. 1 be inserted before existing Sec. 1 to read as
7 follows :

8 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

9 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly for the State to properly honor
10 veterans, which includes Vermonters who have served in the active military,
11 naval, air, or space service, and who have been discharged or released from
12 active service under conditions other than dishonorable, where active military,
13 naval, air, or space service includes:

14 (1) active duty;

15 (2) any period of active duty for training during which the individual
16 concerned was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated
17 in line of duty; and

18 (3) any period of inactive duty training during which the individual
19 concerned was disabled or died from an injury incurred or aggravated in line of
20 duty or from an acute myocardial infarction, a cardiac arrest, or a
21 cerebrovascular accident occurring during such training.

1 registered for less than 26,001 pounds and excluding vehicles registered under
2 the International Registration Plan. The type and style of the ~~plate~~ plates shall
3 be determined by the Commissioner, ~~except that an American flag, or a~~
4 ~~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 eligibility as a member of one of the groups recognized will be
10 certified by the Office of Veterans' Affairs. The plates shall be reissued only
11 to the original holder of the plates or the surviving spouse. The Commissioner
12 may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. Except for
13 new or renewed registrations, applications for the issuance of plates under this
14 subsection shall be processed in the order received by the Department subject
15 to normal workflow considerations. The costs associated with developing new
16 emblems shall be borne by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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3 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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