



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6481**

LCO No. 3321



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES  
FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO  
SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2022*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Motor Vehicles shall, at the request of any veteran or member of the  
3 armed forces who received a combat service ribbon and medal, issue  
4 special registration marker plates to indicate service during a period of  
5 war, as defined in 38 USC 101, as amended from time to time. Such  
6 plates shall bear the words "(Name of War) Veteran" and shall bear the  
7 image of the combat service ribbon and medal received by such veteran  
8 or member of the armed forces to the left of the numbers on such  
9 registration marker plates. The plates shall expire and be renewed as  
10 provided in section 14-22 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall  
11 charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover the entire cost of  
12 making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee for registration of  
13 such motor vehicle. No use shall be made of such plates except as official  
14 registration marker plates. As used in this section, "armed forces" has  
15 the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes

16 and "veteran" means any person (1) honorably discharged from, or  
17 released under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed  
18 forces, or (2) with a qualifying condition, as defined in section 27-103 of  
19 the general statutes, who has received a discharge other than bad  
20 conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed forces.

21 (b) A request made under subsection (a) of this section shall be  
22 accompanied by proof from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the  
23 person making such request served in the armed forces during such  
24 period of war.

25 (c) The surviving spouse of a veteran or member of the armed forces  
26 issued special registration marker plates under subsection (a) of this  
27 section may retain any such plates for his or her lifetime or until such  
28 time as he or she remarries.

29 (d) Any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably  
30 discharged shall return such plates to the commissioner not later than  
31 thirty days after such discharge. The commissioner shall not renew such  
32 plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by any such member of  
33 the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2022</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create special registration marker plates available to veterans and members of the armed forces who served during certain periods of war.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*