



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5367

LCO No. 2252



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:

(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OF CERTAIN VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-20d of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (a) For the purposes of this section, "veteran", [means any person (1)
5 honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions
6 from active service in, the armed forces, or (2) with a qualifying
7 condition, as defined in section 27-103, who has received a discharge
8 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from active service in the armed
9 forces, and "period of war" and] "armed forces" and "period of war" have
10 the same meanings as provided in section 27-103.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall, at the request of any
12 veteran or member of the armed forces who received a campaign medal,
13 issue special registration marker plates to indicate service (1) during a
14 period of war, or (2) in an area designated as a combat zone by the

15 President of the United States during Operation Enduring Freedom or
16 Operation Iraqi Freedom. Such plates shall bear the words "(Name of
17 War or Operation) Veteran" and shall be designed in consultation with
18 the Commissioner of [Veteran] Veterans Affairs. The plates shall expire
19 and be renewed as provided in section 14-22. The Commissioner of
20 Motor Vehicles shall charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall cover
21 the entire cost of making such plates and shall be in addition to the fee
22 for registration of such motor vehicle. No use shall be made of such
23 plates except as official registration marker plates.

24 (c) A request made under subsection (b) of this section shall be
25 accompanied by proof from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the
26 person making a specific request served in the armed forces (1) during
27 [such] the indicated period of war, or (2) in an area designated as a
28 combat zone during the indicated operation.

29 (d) The surviving spouse of a veteran or member of the armed forces
30 issued special registration marker plates under subsection (b) of this
31 section may retain any such plates for his or her lifetime or until such
32 time as he or she remarries.

33 (e) Any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably
34 discharged shall return such plates to the commissioner not later than
35 thirty days after such discharge. The commissioner shall not renew such
36 plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by any such member of
37 the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	14-20d
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility for a special registration marker plate for motor vehicles to certain veterans and members of the armed forces.

[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.]