

HB 1287 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL            **1287**

AN ACT                relative to special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE:          Science, Technology and Energy

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes rules regarding the distribution of special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Statutory Construction. Amend RSA 21:50, I(a)(2) to read as follows:

2 (2) Has been discharged or released from duty in the United States armed forces

3 with:

4 (A) An honorable discharge; or

5 (B) An uncharacterized discharge based on a service-connected injury, illness, or

6 disability; *or*

7 (C) ***A general discharge under honorable conditions.***

8 2 Special Number Plates for Veterans. Amend RSA 261:87-b, I to read as follows:

9 I. The director is hereby authorized to issue special number plates to be used on motor  
10 vehicles owned by veterans of the United States armed services, in lieu of other number plates. The  
11 design of these special plates shall be determined by the commissioner, and shall be distinct from  
12 the design or designs of those plates issued under RSA 261:86. Such plates shall be issued to  
13 veterans as defined in RSA 21:50, I(a) and veterans discharged or released from duty in the United  
14 States armed forces with a general discharge under honorable conditions upon application, proof of  
15 veteran status in a form authorized by RSA 21:50, I(b), and payment of the regular motor vehicle  
16 registration fee and the \$4 per plate fees under RSA 261:75. ~~[The director shall also issue such~~  
17 ~~plates to any person providing proof of honorable discharge from the armed services of any nation~~  
18 ~~allied with the United States during World War II and proof of such person's service during World~~  
19 ~~War II.]~~ Renewals of such special number plates shall be charged the fee assessed for standard  
20 motor vehicles as prescribed under RSA 261:141. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are  
21 non-transferable, except that the surviving spouse may use the plates indefinitely after the death of  
22 the veteran until the date that the surviving spouse remarries.

23 3 Eligibility. Amend RSA 261-C:3 to read as follows:

24 261-C:3 Eligibility. Multi-use veterans decal plates shall be issued only to those veterans  
25 defined in RSA 21:50, I[(a)]. Additionally, an individual shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the  
26 director of the division of veteran's services that he or she was a member of a specific branch of  
27 service or was awarded the medal represented on the requested decal. The plates furnished  
28 pursuant to this section are non-transferable except that the surviving spouse may use the plates  
29 indefinitely after the death of the veteran until the date that the surviving spouse remarries.

30 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.