

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

HB 1287, relative to special number plates for veterans and eligibility therefore.

Hearing Date: March 11, 2026

Time Opened: 9:28 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:37 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators McGough, Gannon, Pearl and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Altschiller

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

Sponsors:

Rep. Corcoran

Who supports the bill: Nicole Bixler (DMAVS), Brent Fraser (DMAVS), Kevin Grady (SVAC), Cory Stone, and Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: Jim Michaud

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Kevin Grady of the State Veterans Advisory Council:

- Mr. Grady stated that in state law there is a distinction made between honorable discharge and general discharge. He added that general discharge is a regular occurrence and any other kind of discharge would be made abundantly clear.
- He explained that past law has not properly recognized those with a general discharge even though it is by definition an honorable discharge.
- This bill is part of an effort to amend these discrepancies.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented:

Jim Michaud of Hudson:

- Mr. Michaud explained that he found this bill's language to be very clean and he believed it would be easily understood by most town employees.
- Mr. Hudson stated that the procedures for honorably discharged and generally discharged are separate in HB1287, rather than joined together as in SB 448.
- Mr. Hudson said that this helps provide clarity.
- He added that the separation is also preferable as it allows municipalities to choose how they want to make this distinction when regarding tax credits.

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