

# Senate Transportation Committee

*Vivian Hall 271-3091*

**SB 12**, relative to adding eligibility for a disability placard for certain veterans.

**Hearing Date:** January 28, 2025

**Time Opened:** 2:18 p.m.

**Time Closed:** 2:24 p.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators McConkey, Ricciardi, Ward and Fenton

**Members of the Committee Absent:** Senator Prentiss

**Bill Analysis:** This bill allows individuals who have received a special number plate for certain veterans under RSA 261:86 to automatically qualify for a walking disability placard based on their evaluation by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, eliminating the need for additional proof.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Watters

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Birdsell

Rep. Moffett

Rep. S. Smith

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator David Watters, District 4; Senator Donovan Fenton, District 10; Krysten Evans, ABLE NH; Major General David Mikolaities, Military Affairs Veterans Services, Kevin Grady, Veterans Advisory Committee, Curtis Register

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Watters**

- Senator Watters explained how this bill would expand eligibility for disability plates for certain veterans, requiring them to undergo a new evaluation for a placard. It aims to simplify the process, by allowing veterans to receive both the plate and placard without additional evaluations, preventing further complications at DMV offices.

**Major General David Mikolaities, New Hampshire Department of Military and Affairs Veterans Services**

- Major General Mikolaities expressed his support of a streamlined process for our disabled veterans.

**Kevin Grady, Veterans Advisory Committee**

- Mr. Grady is in support of anything that requires less paperwork for disabled veterans.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 31, 2025

