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HOUSE BILL ***388-FN***

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans.

SPONSORS: Rep. Keane, Hills. 31

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the availability of special number plates for veterans.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans.

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

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

I. The director is hereby authorized to issue special number plates to be used on motor vehicles owned by veterans of the United States armed services, in lieu of other number plates. The design of these special plates shall be determined by the commissioner, and shall be distinct from the design or designs of those plates issued under RSA 261:86. Such plates shall be issued only to veterans as defined in RSA 21:50, I(a) upon application, proof of veteran status in a form authorized by RSA 21:50, I(b), and payment of the regular motor vehicle registration fee and the $4 per plate fees under RSA 261:75. The director shall also issue such plates to any person providing proof of honorable discharge from the armed services of any nation allied with the United States during World War II and proof of such person's service during World War II. Renewals of such special number plates shall be charged the fee assessed for standard motor vehicles as prescribed under RSA 261:141. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are nontransferable and shall expire upon the death of the veteran, except that the surviving spouse may use the plates for one year after the death of the veteran and shall be eligible to replace the plates during that year at no charge under RSA 261:75. ***Persons eligible for special number plates under this section may obtain such plates for a trailer registered under this chapter and owned by the person, provided that vanity number plates may not be issued under this section for a trailer.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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HB 388-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT relative to special number plates for veterans and armed forces members.

FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
STATE:	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**
Appropriation	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$840,000	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source:	[X] General [ ] Education [ ] Highway [X] Other - Cost of Collections* and the Reflectorized Plate Fund.			

*Pursuant to Part II, article 6-a of the New Hampshire constitution, any costs associated with the collection and administration of Highway Funds by the Department of Safety shall be deducted by the Department before such funds are credited to the Highway Fund as unrestricted revenue.

LOCAL:

Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	$0	$0	$0

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) identified 26 different plate types that require issuance of a veterans plate when requested. These plate types are stored at the various DMV locations, the Department's warehouse and at the Department of Corrections where they are made. This bill would increase the number of plate types stored at these locations from 26 to 78. The Department of Safety assumes initial costs in the amount of $840,000 would be incurred in FY 2018 including reprogramming of the current registration system, changes to the municipalities' municipal agent registration software, and purchase of aluminum sheathing to make the new plates available at the various locations. The source of funds for the expenditures would be cost of collections and the reflectorized plate fund.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety