

HB 1287 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1287**

AN ACT adopting the federal definition of "veteran."

SPONSORS: Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill revises the statutory definition of "veteran" to align with Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations and updates cross-references.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 adopting the federal definition of "veteran."

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

1 1 Veteran; Armed Forces; Active Duty; Service-Connected Injury, Illness, or Disability. RSA
2 21:50, I is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

3 I. "Veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service
4 and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

5 2 Proof of Eligibility. Amend RSA 99-F:6, II(a) to read as follows:

6 (a) A copy of a qualifying document [~~as outlined in RSA 21:50, I(b)~~] **establishing the**
7 **individual's status as a veteran** with the application for employment; and

8 3 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 plates
17 to any person providing proof of honorable discharge from the armed services of any nation allied
18 with the United States during World War II and proof of such person's service during World War II.
19 Renewals of such special number plates shall be charged the fee assessed for standard motor
20 vehicles as prescribed under RSA 261:141. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are non-
21 transferable, except that the surviving spouse may use the plates indefinitely after the death of the
22 veteran until the date that the surviving spouse remarries.

23 4 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 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.