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HOUSE BILL

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

SPONSORS: Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28

COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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

1 35:1 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 with:

3 (A) An honorable discharge; or

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

5 disability; *or*

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

7 35:2 Special Number Plates for Veterans. Amend RSA 261:87-b, I to read as follows:

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

21 35:3 Eligibility. Amend RSA 261-C:3 to read as follows:

22 261-C:3 Eligibility. Multi-use veterans decal plates shall be issued only to those veterans defined in
23 RSA 21:50, I[~~(a)~~]. Additionally, an individual shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the director of the
24 division of veteran's services that he or she was a member of a specific branch of service or was awarded
25 the medal represented on the requested decal. The plates furnished pursuant to this section are non-
26 transferable except that the surviving spouse may use the plates indefinitely after the death of the veteran
27 until the date that the surviving spouse remarries.

35:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 22, 2026
Effective Date: June 21, 2026