

HB 472-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL      ***472-FN***

AN ACT            relative to special number plates for certain veterans.

SPONSORS:       Rep. DeSimone, Rock. 14; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock. 5; Rep. Belanger, Hills. 27; Rep.  
L. Ober, Hills. 37; Rep. Major, Rock. 14; Rep. Harb, Rock. 14; Sen. Carson, Dist  
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COMMITTEE:      Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows for the issuance of special number plates for each car owned by a veteran.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

AN ACT relative to special number plates for certain veterans.

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

1       1 Motor Vehicles; Number Plates; Special Number Plates for Certain Veterans. Amend the  
2 introductory paragraph of RSA 261:86, I to read as follows:

3           I. The department shall furnish ~~one set of~~ special number plates, designed by the director  
4 with the approval of the commissioner, for ~~one~~ **each** motor vehicle owned by a veteran, who may  
5 be listed as the first or second owner on the certificate of title or certificate of registration, who:

6       2 Motor Vehicles; Number Plates; Special Number Plates for Certain Veterans. Amend RSA  
7 261:86, II to read as follows:

8           II. ***The initial set of*** plates furnished pursuant to subparagraphs I(a)-I(e) shall be issued  
9 without charge. ***An additional set of plates shall be issued to a person who qualifies for the***  
10 ***special plates upon payment of the state and municipal permit fees for the issuance of***  
11 ***number plates.*** Notwithstanding RSA 265:73 or any other law, any person who is issued a plate  
12 pursuant to subparagraphs I(c)-I(e) shall not be entitled to free parking privileges for disabled  
13 veterans. A person who qualifies for special plates pursuant to subparagraph I(a), I(c), I(d), or I(e)  
14 may be issued an additional plate for a motorcycle.

15       3 Motor Vehicles; Number Plates; Special Number Plates for Veterans. Amend RSA 261:87-b,  
16 II to read as follows:

17           II. For purposes of this section, a motor vehicle is owned by a veteran if the veteran is the  
18 motor vehicle's owner under RSA 259:72, I, or if the legal ownership of the motor vehicle is held by  
19 a trust established by the veteran and the veteran has use of the motor vehicle or the motor vehicle  
20 is used for the transportation of the veteran. The director shall establish the documentation  
21 required for a motor vehicle held in trust to be eligible for plates under this section. ~~[The director~~  
22 ~~shall not issue more than one set of plates under this section to any trust.]~~ A trustee of the trust or  
23 the administrator of the estate may be fined up to \$500 for failing to return within 60 days of the  
24 death of the veteran any plates issued under this section for a motor vehicle held in trust.

25       4 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Municipal Permits for Registration;  
26 Exemption of Amputee and Other Disabled Veterans. Amend RSA 261:157 to read as follows:

27       261:157 Exemption of Amputee and Other Disabled Veterans. ***For the initial set of plates,***  
28 no fee shall be charged for a permit to register a motor vehicle owned by a veteran of any war or  
29 armed conflict, as defined in RSA 72:28, V, who because of being an amputee or paraplegic or  
30 having suffered loss or use of a limb from a service-connected cause, as certified by the United  
31 States Department of Veterans Affairs, has received said vehicle from the United States

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1 government or cash settlement in lieu thereof; or because of a disability incurred in, or aggravated  
2 by such service, and upon satisfactory proof that the veteran is evaluated by the United States  
3 Department of Veterans Affairs to be totally and permanently disabled from such service-connected  
4 disability.

5 5 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles; Municipal Permits for Registration;  
6 Exemption for Blind Veterans. Amend RSA 261:159 to read as follows:

7 261:159 Exemption for Blind Veterans. ***For the initial set of plates,*** no fee shall be charged  
8 for a permit to register a vehicle owned by a veteran who has been determined by the Department  
9 of Veterans Affairs to be suffering from total blindness as a result of a service-connected disability.

10 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 472-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2019-0696h)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                      ☐ County                      ☐ Local                      ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$28,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - *Restricted Cost of Collections			

\*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.

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill allows all veterans, including those who qualify for Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor, Former Prisoner of War, and Disabled Veteran status to receive special number plates for multiple cars owned by a veteran, instead of a single car. Under current law and this bill, veterans who qualify for Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor, Former Prisoner of War, and Disabled Veteran plates are allowed for one set of plates free of charge. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on revenue.

The Department of Safety estimates this bill will require \$28,000 in programming expenses in FY 2020 for the Department's MAAP and VISION Systems to allow for more than one set of veteran plates to one person.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of Safety