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4 Winooski, Bouchard of Colchester, Burditt of West Rutland,
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9 Poultney, Eckhardt of Chittenden, Fagan of Rutland City,
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11 Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of
12 Lowell, Hubert of Milton, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of
13 Dorset, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lewis of
14 Berlin, Lorber of Burlington, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of
15 Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of Rutland Town,
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17 Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Obuchowski
18 of Rockingham, Pearce of Richford, Peaslee of Guildhall,
19 Perley of Enosburgh, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton,
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2 of Barre City and Till of Jericho

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; special registration plates; motorcycles; veterans

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish a special motorcycle
7 registration plate for veterans.

8 An act relating to establishing a special motorcycle registration plate for
9 veterans

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 304(j) is amended to read:

12 (j)(1) The commissioner of motor vehicles shall, upon proper application,
13 issue special plates to Vermont veterans, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2), for
14 use ~~only~~:

15 (A) on vehicles registered at the pleasure car rate and on trucks
16 registered for less than 26,001 pounds and excluding vehicles registered under
17 the International Registration Plan. The type and style of the veterans' plate
18 shall be determined by the commissioner, except that an American flag, or a
19 veteran- or military-related emblem selected by the commissioner and the
20 Vermont office of veterans' affairs shall appear on one side of the plate. At a

1 minimum, emblems shall be available to recognize recipients of the Purple
2 Heart, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, and disabled veterans.

3 (B) on vehicles registered at the motorcycle rate. The type and style
4 of the veterans' plate shall be determined by the commissioner, except that the
5 plate shall include the letters "MTC" along the side and the word "Veteran"
6 along the bottom of the plate.

7 (2) An applicant shall apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner,
8 and the applicant's status both as a veteran and as a member of one of the
9 groups recognized will be certified by the office of veterans' affairs. The
10 plates shall be reissued only to the original holder of the plates or the surviving
11 spouse. The commissioner may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this
12 subsection. Except for new or renewed registrations, applications for the
13 issuance of veterans' plates shall be processed in the order received by the
14 department subject to normal workflow considerations. The costs associated
15 with developing new emblems shall be borne by the department of motor
16 vehicles.

17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.