

1 S.32

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; gold star registration plates; noncombat deaths

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to amend the motor vehicle statutes
7 regarding the issuance of special registration plates to members of gold star
8 families by providing that spouses, parents, and next of kin of members of the
9 armed forces who died in noncombat activities related to their service be
10 eligible for the special plates.

11 An act relating to expanding the issuance of gold star registration plates

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

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

14 (k) The commissioner of motor vehicles shall, upon proper application,
15 issue special plates to gold star family members, as which shall include persons
16 defined in 10 U.S.C. § 1126 as well as the widow or widower, parents, and
17 next of kin of a member of the armed forces who died from noncombat
18 activities while serving his or her country, for use only on vehicles registered
19 at the pleasure car rate and on trucks registered for less than 26,001 pounds and
20 excluding vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan. The

1 type and style of the gold star plate shall be determined by the commissioner,
2 except that a gold star shall appear on one side of the plate. An applicant shall
3 apply on a form prescribed by the commissioner, and the applicant's eligibility
4 will be certified by the office of veterans' affairs. A plate shall be reissued
5 only to the original holder of the plate. The commissioner may adopt rules to
6 implement the provisions of this subsection. Except for new or renewed
7 registrations, applications for the issuance of gold star plates shall be processed
8 in the order received by the department subject to normal workflow
9 considerations.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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