

HOUSE No. 2963

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing distinctive registration motor vehicle plates for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2963) of Nick Collins and others relative to establishing distinctive registration motor vehicle plates for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing distinctive registration motor vehicle plates for Massachusetts Fallen Heroes.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith funding and memorial efforts for the men and women of the Commonwealth who served in the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the United States of America, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 2E of Chapter 90 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following:

3 (e) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to the owners of private passenger motor
4 vehicles distinctive registration plates which shall display a warrior’s silhouette in the
5 background and a soldier’s cross with a gold star in the background and the words “Honor Their
6 Sacrifice” to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to
7 the United States of America.

8 There shall be a fee of not less than \$40 for such plates in addition to the established
9 registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles, which shall be payable at the time of
10 registration of such vehicle and at each renewal thereof. One such license plate may be issued
11 free of charge to the parents, children, sibling or spouse of a member of the United States armed
12 forces killed in action or who died while in service.

13 The portion of the total fee remaining after the deduction of the costs directly attributable
14 to the issuance of such plates shall be deposited in a registry retained revenue account and of the
15 remaining portion: (1) 75 per cent shall be directed to the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan
16 Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund, Inc. and distributed by that fund at its discretion for the benefit of
17 the construction and maintenance of the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes
18 Memorial and its programs and services, veteran's memorials and fallen heroes memorials
19 throughout the Commonwealth; (2) 12.5 per cent shall be directed to Massachusetts Fallen
20 Heroes and Veterans Scholarship Fund and distributed by that fund at its discretion to benefit
21 Veterans of the Global War on Terrorism and Gold Star Families and Siblings with educational
22 assistance; and (3) 12.5 per cent shall be directed to the Veterans Edge Innovation Program to
23 aid veterans.