

HOUSE No. 2993

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gloria L. Fox and Michael F. Rush

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 relative to veteran registration plates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Representative Fox of Boston and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2993) of Gloria L. Fox and others relative to veteran registration plates. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to veteran registration plates.

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 1 . Section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 220 and 221, the words “and the
3 words ‘Disabled Veteran’” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the words
4 “Disabled Veteran” and, upon the request of a female veteran, the words “She Served with
5 Pride”.

6 SECTION 2. The fifteenth paragraph of said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so
7 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof
8 the following sentence:- These plates shall also include: (i) a distinctive emblem or decal for
9 those individuals who have been awarded the Iraqi Freedom Campaign Ribbon or who served in
10 Operation Enduring Freedom; and (ii) upon the request of a female veteran, the words “SHE
11 SERVED WITH PRIDE”.

12 SECTION 3 . Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
13 inserting after the word “served”, in line 432, the following words:- , the owner as a female
14 veteran.

15 SECTION 4. Said section 2 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by inserting after the eighteenth paragraph the following paragraph:-

17 The registrar shall furnish, at the request of an owner of a pleasure passenger vehicle or a
18 pick-up truck who has been issued a plate displaying the words “Disabled Veteran” pursuant to
19 this section, a distinctive emblem to be affixed to such plates which identifies the owner as a
20 female veteran. The registrar may charge a fee directly attributable to the cost of issuance of such
21 emblem. The surviving spouse of a deceased owner may elect to retain the distinctive emblem
22 for personal use upon payment of the established registration fee and an additional \$20 fee until
23 such time as the spouse remarries or fails to renew or cancels the registration.