

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3473**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas P. Walsh and Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 the Blue Star Family license plate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3473) of Thomas P. Walsh and Bruce E. Tarr relative to establishing the Blue Star Family license plate in honor of police officers killed in the line of duty. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3627 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing the Blue Star Family license plate.

*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 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after line  
2 663, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, the following paragraph:-

3 The registrar shall furnish without charge to the owner of a private passenger motor  
4 vehicle who is a parent, child or spouse of a police officer of a police department of any city or  
5 town, the department of state police or the Massachusetts bay transportation authority police  
6 department, who has been killed in the line of duty, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence to  
7 the registrar, a distinctive registration plate that reads "Blue Star Family" for 1 private passenger  
8 motor vehicle owned and principally used by that person or a distinctive "Blue Star Family"  
9 emblem to be affixed to a registration plate for a motorcycle privately owned and principally  
10 used by that person. The registrar may issue a distinctive "Blue Star Family" registration of up to

11 6 characters for 1 private passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by that person. A  
12 police officer shall be determined to have been killed in the line of duty for purposes of this  
13 paragraph if the circumstance meets those which would make them eligible to be placed on the  
14 National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C.