
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 367

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

SUMMARY:

This bill extends authorization for a special certificate of registration and veterans' license plate to a member of the U.S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse who requests it. Current law authorizes a veteran, or the veteran's surviving spouse, who has owned or leased any type of motor vehicle for one year or longer to qualify for special veterans' license plates. By law, a veteran is an individual honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active duty in the U.S. armed forces. (The law authorizes a spouse or other immediate family member of a resident killed in action while on active duty to request a "Gold Star Family" plate.)

The bill requires an armed forces member who is dishonorably discharged to return the plates to the commissioner within 30 days after the discharge. The commissioner cannot renew veterans' plates for any motor vehicle that a dishonorably discharged member owns or leases.

By law, anyone who fails to surrender a falsely obtained motor vehicle registration or license plate when the motor vehicles commissioner demands it is subject to a fine of up to \$200.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Armed Forces

By law, "armed forces" means the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any of their reserve components, including the Connecticut National Guard when under federal service.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)