

SB 313-FN – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **313-FN**

AN ACT relative to state photographic identification indicating veteran's status.

SPONSORS: Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Barnes, Jr., Dist 17; Sen. Lambert, Dist 13;
Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 3; Rep. Tamburello, Rock 3;
Rep. Notter, Hills 19; Rep. Theberge, Coos 4

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a designation on driver's licenses and nondriver's picture identification cards issued by the division of motor vehicles which indicates veteran's status.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

AN ACT relative to state photographic identification indicating veteran's status.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Nondriver's Picture Identification Cards; Veteran Status Designation. Amend RSA 260:21, III
2 to read as follows:

3 III. The identification card shall bear the name, address, social security number, date of
4 birth, blood type (optional), **veteran's status (optional)**, picture and signature of the applicant, and
5 in the case of a card issued pursuant to RSA 260:21, I(c), said card shall bear the notation "Golden
6 Granite State Discount Card." ***The license shall bear a special designation or symbol***
7 ***indicating veteran's status for licensees who indicate such veteran's status. The veteran's***
8 ***designation shall be obtained upon proof of discharge status from the armed forces of***
9 ***"honorable." The commissioner, after consultation with the state veterans' advisory***
10 ***committee, shall determine the appropriate form and placement of the veteran's***
11 ***designation on the identification card.***

12 2 Driver's License; Form of License. Amend RSA 263:40 to read as follows:

13 263:40 Form of License. The commissioner shall, upon payment of the required fee, issue to
14 every applicant a driver's license subject to such conditions as the commissioner may deem expedient
15 and in such form as the commissioner may prescribe. Licenses issued to persons under the age of 21
16 shall be designed so that their horizontal and vertical axes are opposite the horizontal and vertical
17 axes of licenses issued to other persons, and said licenses shall prominently display the date on
18 which the licensee shall attain the age of 21 years. Consistent with RSA 263:14, the youth operator
19 license shall expire on the 21st anniversary of the applicant's date of birth, at which time the
20 applicant shall be issued a traditional license. The license shall bear thereon a distinguishing
21 number assigned to the licensee and an instant full-face color photograph, image, or likeness of the
22 licensee. There shall also be provided a space wherein the licensee may enter his or her blood type
23 ***and a space wherein the licensee may indicate his or her veteran's status*** if the licensee so
24 desires. ***The license shall bear a special designation or symbol indicating veteran's status***
25 ***for licensees who indicate such veteran's status. The veteran's designation shall be***
26 ***obtained upon proof of discharge status from the armed forces of "honorable." The***
27 ***commissioner shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, specifying the appropriate forms***
28 ***or procedures for proof of discharge status. The commissioner, after consultation with the***
29 ***state veterans' advisory committee, shall determine the appropriate form and placement of***
30 ***the veteran's designation on the license.***

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1 3 Implementation. The director of the division of motor vehicles shall implement the provisions
2 of RSA 260:21, III and RSA 263:40, as inserted by sections 1 and 2 of this act, upon his or her
3 determination that veteran's status designation information may be accepted and maintained by the
4 department of safety's information technology system, but in no event later than July 1, 2014. The
5 director shall provide the date of implementation to the secretary of state and the director of the
6 office of legislative services within 30 days of implementation.

7 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

SB 313 FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Safety states this bill, **as amended by the Senate (Amendment #2012-0567s)**, will have no fiscal impact on state, county, and local expenditures or revenue.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Safety states this bill requires a designation on driver's licenses and non-driver's picture identification cards issued by the division of motor vehicles which indicates veteran's status. The Department states the language added in the amendment extends the deadline for this requirement to July 1, 2014 in an attempt to incorporate the veteran's designation, at no additional cost, as part of the implementation of the Department's VISION computer system, which is the Department's effort to replace certain legacy computer systems within the division of motor vehicles. The Department does state that should the VISION implementation be delayed past this date and the deadline for the veteran's designation not moved with it, \$13,625 of system programming changes may be required to comply with the requirement.