

HB 1359-FN – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL            ***1359-FN***

AN ACT                establishing a committee to study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number plates for veterans and relative to the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces.

SPONSORS:            Rep. DiMartino, Belk 2; Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5; Rep. Huot, Belk 3; Rep. Fields, Belk 4; Rep. Rideout, Coos 7; Sen. Hosmer, Dist 7; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number plates for veterans. This bill also adopts the national Honor and Remember Flag as the official symbol of the state of New Hampshire to recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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

1            1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the feasibility of placing  
2 medal decals on special number plates for veterans.

3            2 Membership and Compensation.

4            I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5                    (a) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house  
6 of representatives.

7                    (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8            II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
9 the duties of the committee.

10          3 Duties. The committee shall study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number  
11 plates for veterans.

12          4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
13 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
14 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this  
15 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

16          5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
17 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
18 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2014.

19          6 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that:

20                    I. Since the Revolutionary War, more than 1,000,000 members of the United States Armed  
21 Forces have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives in the line of duty.

22                    II. The contributions of those fallen members of the Armed Forces are deserving of national  
23 recognition.

24                    III. Currently, there is no officially recognized symbol that solely acknowledges members of  
25 the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty.

26          7 New Sections; Honor and Remember Flag. Amend RSA 3 by inserting after section 3-b the  
27 following new sections:

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1           3:3-c Official Adoption of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag created by  
2 Honor and Remember, Inc., is hereby adopted as this state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of  
3 the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives while  
4 serving or as a result of service to our country.

5           3:3-d Display of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag shall be displayed  
6 by the state daily at the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery in Boscawen, above the state house  
7 in Concord immediately below the state flag on a day designated by the governor when there is a  
8 New Hampshire member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty, and on the following days:

9           I. Armed Forces Day, May 18.

10          II. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

11          III. Independence Day, July 4.

12          IV. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday of September.

13          V. National Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

14          VI. Veterans Day, November 11.

15          8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 1359-FN FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number plates for veterans.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, **as amended by the House (Amendment #2014-0706h)**, will have no impact on state, county, and local revenues or expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill establishes a committee to study the feasibility of placing medal decals on special number plates for veterans and will have no impact on state, county, and local revenues or expenditures.