

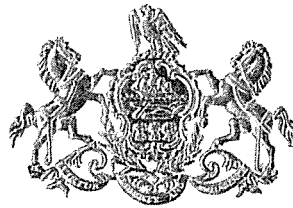
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Senate of Pennsylvania

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: *LB* Senator Lisa Baker

SUBJECT: Bill To Establish a Veterans Foundation and Veterans Driver's License Designation

Please join me in co-sponsoring legislation to create a charitable foundation charged with helping veterans and their families; provide for a "V" veterans' designation on drivers' licenses; and provide for special license plates for honorably discharged veterans (\$20), and motorists who want to honor veterans (\$35, with \$15 of that amount devoted to the Veterans Trust Fund).

The Commonwealth's cost of implementing the special driver's licenses and plates would be defrayed by a voluntary \$2.00 check-off contribution from motorists who are renewing their driver's license or motor vehicle registration.

These donations would be directed to a newly created fund in the state Treasury--the Pennsylvania Veterans Trust Fund. Individuals, corporations, other trusts and foundations, and the state and federal government would also be able to contribute to the fund. The Trust Fund would help to finance the Pennsylvania Veterans Foundation, a newly chartered statewide charitable foundation dedicated to assisting veterans and their families. It could also be utilized to make grants to veterans' service organizations, to support new or expanded programs operated by the county Directors of Veterans' Affairs, and to maintain and repair monuments honoring veterans.

This bill is a legislative priority of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as they endeavor to keep pace with the growing needs of our veterans.

If you wish to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Liz Clancy by email at LClancy@pasen.gov or by phone at 787-7428. Thank you.