

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5074

AN ACT CONCERNING A MOTOR VEHICLE NUMBER PLATE

Title: COMMEMORATING CONNECTICUT WOMEN VETERANS.

Vote Date: 3/11/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/4/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Joseph Gresko, 121st Dist.

Rep. Kaitlyn Shake, 120th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill looks to create a specialty license plate available to women veterans and service members in order to commemorate women veterans. Given how little recognition women veterans get for their service compared to their male counterparts, creating a specialty license plate for women veterans would help honor them and encourage young women seeking to enlist.

The substitute language of this bill changes the language to mirror the language establishing a specialty veterans' license plate.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Allison Weir, Executive Director, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center: As a woman veteran herself, Ms. Weir expressed her support for this bill and emphasized the importance of recognizing women's contributions to the military. She suggested that the committee amend the bill to ensure that the proceeds from these plates go to a cause that benefits women veterans.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Sam Sims

Date: 3/20/2025