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Introduced by Representatives Chase of Colchester, Higley of Lowell,  
Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Nicoll of Ludlow, and Sibia of  
Dover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; registrations; veterans; first responders

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to waive the  
registration fee for certain motor vehicles upon proof that the registered owner  
or co-owner is a veteran who received a discharge under honorable conditions  
or is a first responder.

An act relating to waived motor vehicle registration fees for veterans and  
first responders

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 378 is amended to read:

§ 378. VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

~~No fees shall be charged to an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S.  
Armed Forces who is a resident of the State of Vermont for the registration of  
a motor vehicle that the veteran has acquired with financial assistance from the  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or for the registration of a motor vehicle~~

1 ~~owned by him or her during his or her lifetime obtained as a replacement~~  
2 ~~thereof, when his or her application is accompanied by a copy of an approved~~  
3 ~~VA Form 21-4502 issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs~~  
4 ~~certifying him or her to be entitled to the financial assistance.~~ A veteran of the  
5 U.S. Armed Forces who received an honorable discharge and is a resident of  
6 the State of Vermont shall be entitled to a waiver of the registration fees owed  
7 under sections 361 (pleasure cars), 364 (motorcycles), 364a (motor-driven  
8 cycles), 364b (all-surface vehicles), 373 (exhibition vehicles), 382 (diesel-  
9 powered pleasure cars), 3204 (snowmobiles), 3204a (antique snowmobiles),  
10 3305 (motorboats), and 3504 (all-terrain vehicles) of this title and 3 V.S.A.  
11 § 2822(m) (Clean Air Fund) when his or her registration form or renewal  
12 registration form is accompanied by a copy of an approved DD Form 214  
13 issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This reduction in  
14 registration fees shall be available if the veteran is listed as an owner or co-  
15 owner of the motor vehicle on any registration forms filed with the Department  
16 of Motor Vehicles.

17 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 379 is added to read:

18 § 379. FIRST RESPONDERS' EXEMPTIONS

19 A first responder licensed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. chapter 71, subchapter 2  
20 who is a resident of the State of Vermont shall be entitled to a waiver of the  
21 registration fees owed under sections 361 (pleasure cars), 364 (motorcycles),

1     364a (motor-driven cycles), 364b (all-surface vehicles), 373 (exhibition  
2     vehicles), 382 (diesel-powered pleasure cars), 3204 (snowmobiles),  
3     3204a (antique snowmobiles), 3305 (motorboats), and 3504 (all-terrain  
4     vehicles) of this title and 3 V.S.A. § 2822(m) (Clean Air Fund) when his or her  
5     registration form or renewal registration form is accompanied by proof of  
6     licensure from the State Board of Health. This waiver in registration fees shall  
7     be available if the first responder is listed as an owner or co-owner of the  
8     motor vehicle on any registration forms filed with the Department of Motor  
9     Vehicles.

10    Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11        This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.