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12 Referred to Committee on

13 Date:

14 Subject: Motor vehicles; registration fees; veterans

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to waive
16 50 percent of the registration fee for certain motor vehicles upon proof that the
17 registered owner or co-owner is a veteran who received a discharge under
18 other than dishonorable conditions. This bill also requires the Vermont Office
19 of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a database of veterans in Vermont
20 but indicates that any information that is collected is exempt from public
21 inspection and copying.

1 An act relating to reduced motor vehicle registration fees for veterans and
2 the maintenance of a database of veterans in Vermont

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

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

5 § 378. VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

6 (a) No fees shall be charged ~~an honorably discharged~~ to a veteran of the
7 U.S. Armed Forces who received a discharge under other than dishonorable
8 conditions and is a resident of the State of Vermont for the registration of a
9 motor vehicle that the veteran has acquired with financial assistance from the
10 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or for the registration of a motor vehicle
11 owned by him or her during his or her lifetime obtained as a replacement
12 thereof, when his or her application is accompanied by a copy of an approved
13 VA Form 21-4502 issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
14 certifying him or her to be entitled to the financial assistance.

15 (b) A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who received a discharge under
16 other than dishonorable conditions and is a resident of the State of Vermont
17 shall be entitled to a 50 percent reduction of the registration fees owed under
18 sections 361 (pleasure cars), 364 (motorcycles), 364a (motor-driven cycles),
19 364b (all-surface vehicles), 373 (exhibition vehicles), 382 (diesel-powered
20 pleasure cars), 3204 (snowmobiles), 3204a (antique snowmobiles),
21 3305 (motorboats), and 3504 (all-terrain vehicles) of this title and 3 V.S.A.
22 § 2822(m) (Clean Air Fund) when his or her registration form or renewal

1 registration form is accompanied by a copy of an approved DD Form 214.

2 This reduction in registration fees shall be available if the veteran is listed as
3 an owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle on any registration forms filed with
4 the Department of Motor Vehicles.

5 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. chapter 89 is added to read:

6 CHAPTER 89. VETERANS IN VERMONT

7 § 1751. MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE OF VETERANS IN
8 VERMONT

9 The Director of the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs shall work with
10 other agencies, offices, and departments to develop and maintain a database of
11 veterans in Vermont. All agencies, offices, and departments shall, to the
12 maximum extent practicable and consistent with State and federal law, provide
13 information on veterans in Vermont to the Director of the Vermont Office of
14 Veterans Affairs. Any personally identifying information about veterans in
15 Vermont collected by the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs is exempt from
16 public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept
17 confidential. Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 317(e), the Public Records Act
18 exemption created in this section shall continue in effect and shall not be
19 repealed through operation of 1 V.S.A. § 317(e).

20 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.