

1 H.335

2 Introduced by Representative Christie of Hartford

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; registration fees; veterans

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to waive
7 50 percent of the registration fee for certain motor vehicles upon proof that the
8 registered owner or co-owner is a veteran who received a discharge under
9 other than dishonorable conditions. This bill also requires the Vermont Office
10 of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a database of veterans in Vermont
11 but indicates that any information that is collected is exempt from public
12 inspection and copying.

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

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

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

17 § 378. VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS

18 (a) No fees shall be charged ~~an honorably discharged~~ to a veteran of the
19 U.S. Armed Forces who received a discharge under other than dishonorable
20 conditions and is a resident of the State of Vermont for the registration of a

1 motor vehicle that the veteran has acquired with financial assistance from the
2 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or for the registration of a motor vehicle
3 owned by him or her during his or her lifetime obtained as a replacement
4 thereof, when his or her application is accompanied by a copy of an approved
5 VA Form 21-4502 issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
6 certifying him or her to be entitled to the financial assistance.

7 (b) A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who received a discharge under
8 other than dishonorable conditions and is a resident of the State of Vermont
9 shall be entitled to a 50 percent reduction of the registration fees owed under
10 sections 361 (pleasure cars), 364 (motorcycles), 364a (motor-driven cycles),
11 364b (all-surface vehicles), 373 (exhibition vehicles), 382 (diesel-powered
12 pleasure cars), 3204 (snowmobiles), 3204a (antique snowmobiles),
13 3305 (motorboats), and 3504 (all-terrain vehicles) of this title and 3 V.S.A.
14 § 2822(m) (Clean Air Fund) when his or her registration form or renewal
15 registration form is accompanied by a copy of an approved DD Form 214.
16 This reduction in registration fees shall be available if the veteran is listed as
17 an owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle on any registration forms filed with
18 the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. chapter 88 is added to read:

2 CHAPTER 88. VETERANS IN VERMONT

3 § 1751. MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE OF VETERANS IN

4 VERMONT

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

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.