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Putney, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pinsonault of
Dorset, and Winter of Ludlow

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; registration fees; veterans

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to waive 100
percent or 50 percent of the registration fee for certain motor vehicles upon
proof that the registered owner or co-owner is a veteran who received a
discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.

An act relating to reduced motor vehicle registration fees for veterans

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

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

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

1 an owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle on any registration forms filed with
2 the Department of Motor Vehicles.

3 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a veteran of the U.S.
4 Armed Forces who received a discharge under other than dishonorable
5 conditions and is a resident of the State of Vermont shall be entitled to one 100
6 percent reduction of the registration fees listed in subsection (b) per calendar
7 year when the veteran's registration form or renewal registration form is
8 accompanied by a copy of an approved DD Form 214, provided that the
9 veteran is not already receiving a fee exemption under subsection (a) of this
10 section. This reduction in registration fees shall be available if the veteran is
11 listed as an owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle on any registration forms
12 filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

13 Sec. 2. 31 V.S.A. § 1304 is amended to read

14 § 1304. ALLOCATION OF REVENUES TO SPORTS WAGERING
15 ENTERPRISE FUND

16 The revenues and fees received by the Department pursuant to this chapter
17 shall be deposited in the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund, except for an
18 amount necessary to offset the amount of foregone vehicle registration fees
19 pursuant to 23 V.S.A. § 378, which shall be deposited in the Transportation
20 Fund.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.