



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5230

House of Representatives, April 19, 2001

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. COCCO of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR NONCOMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY CERTAIN VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (o) of section 14-49 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (o) No registration fee or operator's license fee shall be charged in
4 respect to any motor vehicle owned by a municipality, as defined in
5 section 7-245, any other governmental agency or a military agency and
6 used exclusively for the conduct of official business. No registration fee
7 shall be charged for any motor vehicle owned by or leased to a transit
8 district and used exclusively to provide public transportation. No fee
9 shall be charged for the registration of ambulances owned by hospitals
10 or any nonprofit civic organization approved by the commissioner, but
11 a fee of twenty dollars shall be charged for the inspection of any such
12 ambulance. No fee shall be charged for the registration of fire
13 department apparatus as provided by section 14-19. No registration fee

14 shall be charged to a disabled veteran, as defined in section 14-254,
15 residing in this state for the registration of three passenger, camper or
16 passenger and commercial motor vehicles leased or owned by such
17 veteran in any registration year, provided such vehicles shall not be
18 used for hire. No registration fee shall be charged for a passenger
19 motor vehicle to a veteran who (1) has service in time of war, as
20 defined in section 27-103, (2) resides in this state, and (3) is certified by
21 the Veterans' Administration to have a one hundred per cent service-
22 connected disability. No registration fee shall be charged for any motor
23 vehicle leased to an agency of this state on or after June 4, 1982.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Changes were made for the purpose of making grammatical corrections.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Revenue Loss, (Transportation Fund and Clean Air Act account)

Affected Agencies: Department of Motor Vehicles

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

This bill states that no registration fee is to be charged for a passenger motor vehicle to a veteran who served in time of war, is a Connecticut resident, and is certified by the Veterans' Administration to have a one hundred per cent service-connected disability.

Currently the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has 290 no-fee veterans registrations who meet the definition under Section 14-254 of the general statutes; the Veterans' Administration has identified 1,500 veterans that meet the definition under the bill. Thus, the revenue loss to the Transportation Fund from the loss of the \$70 registration fee could reach a maximum of \$84,700 if all of the remaining veterans (1,210) apply for a no-fee registration. Likewise, the revenue loss from the \$4 Clean Air Act fee the DMV collects at the time of registration could reach a maximum of \$4,840 again if all of the remaining veterans apply for the exemption.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the passenger vehicle of any Connecticut veteran who has served in time of war, as defined by law, and is certified by the Veterans Administration to have a 100% service-connected disability to be registered without charge. Currently, up to three passenger, camper, or "combination" (passenger and commercial use) vehicles owned or leased by certain disabled veterans must get free registrations when requested. Currently, as a result of service in time of war, the disabled veteran must be blind, paraplegic, hemiplegic, or have lost the use of, or had amputated all or part of one or both arms or legs.

Under the bill, a veteran would get a free registration for one passenger vehicle regardless of the type of disability he has, as long as the Veterans Administration has certified it as a 100% disability.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 28 Nay 0