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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

(VA)

AN ACT WAIVING MOTOR VEHICLE FEES FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-41, there
4 shall be charged a fee of forty-three dollars for each renewal of a motor
5 vehicle operator's license issued for a period of four years, a fee of
6 sixty-five dollars for each renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license
7 issued for a period of six years and an additional fee of twelve dollars
8 for each year for each passenger endorsement.

9 (b) There shall be charged for each examination of an operator of a
10 motor vehicle a fee of forty dollars. There may be charged for each
11 advance appointment for an operator's license examination a fee of
12 fifteen dollars which fee shall be paid to the commissioner at least six
13 business days prior to the date of the appointment and shall be applied
14 toward the examination fee if the applicant keeps the appointment. If

15 the applicant fails to keep the appointment, the appointment fee shall
16 be forfeited, unless (1) in the judgment of the commissioner, the
17 applicant's failure to keep the appointment was due to exigent
18 circumstances, or (2) the applicant reschedules the appointment.

19 (c) The commissioner shall waive any operator's license or
20 registration fee, including any renewal fee, in the case of any person (1)
21 in the active service of the armed forces of the United States, [who was
22 a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his induction; and for one
23 licensing period to any person] including, but not limited to, the
24 Connecticut National Guard; or (2) honorably separated from such
25 service who applies therefor, [within two years following the date of
26 separation and was a legal resident of Connecticut at the time of his
27 induction.] The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance
28 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

29 (d) Upon request by the chief of any regular fire department or
30 volunteer fire company operating in the state of Connecticut, the
31 commissioner shall waive the operator's examination fee in the case of
32 any member of any such fire department or company who applies for
33 a class 1 operator's license as provided in section 14-36a. The applicant
34 for such license shall satisfy all prerequisites for the issuance of a class
35 1 license.

36 (e) The commissioner may assess a fee to cover the cost of the
37 collection of number plates, motor vehicle registration certificates or
38 operators' licenses, upon the holders thereof; and such number plates,
39 motor vehicle registration certificates or operators' licenses shall not be
40 returned to the holder thereof or reissued until such fee is paid.

41 (f) Whenever any check issued to the commissioner in payment of
42 any fee is returned as uncollectible, the commissioner shall charge the
43 drawer of such check or the person presenting such check to him a fee
44 of thirty-five dollars for each such check which is drawn in an amount
45 of not more than two hundred dollars, and a fee of fifteen per cent of
46 the full amount of each such check which is drawn in an amount in

47 excess of two hundred dollars, plus all protest fees, to cover the cost of
48 collection.

49 (g) All fees provided for in this chapter shall be construed to be
50 license fees imposed for the administration of this chapter and as
51 compensation for the privilege of using the highways of this state, and
52 to reimburse the state in whole or in part for injury done to the
53 highways by the operation of motor vehicles.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	14-50

Statement of Purpose:

To waive motor vehicle fees for veterans and active service National Guard and United States armed forces members.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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