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Senate Bill No. 303

Senate, April 4, 2013

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-40a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (c) Before granting a motorcycle endorsement to any applicant who
5 has not held such an endorsement at any time within the preceding
6 two years, the commissioner shall require the applicant to present
7 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such applicant has
8 successfully completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted
9 by the Department of Transportation with federal funds available for
10 the purpose of such course, or by any firm or organization that
11 conducts such a course that uses the curriculum of the Motorcycle
12 Safety Foundation or other safety or educational organization that has
13 developed a curriculum approved by the commissioner. If such
14 applicant has not obtained a motorcycle instruction permit pursuant to

15 subsection (b) of this section, the applicant shall also pass an
16 examination, other than the driving skills test, demonstrating that the
17 applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient
18 knowledge of the mechanism of a motorcycle to ensure its safe
19 operation by such applicant, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law
20 concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the
21 road. The commissioner may waive the requirement of such
22 examination for any applicant who presents documentation that such
23 applicant: (1) Is on active military duty with the armed forces, as
24 defined in section 27-103; (2) is stationed outside the state; and (3) has
25 completed a novice motorcycle training course conducted by any firm
26 or organization using the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety
27 Foundation not more than two years prior to the date of such
28 applicant's application. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the
29 ability and competency of the applicant, the commissioner may issue
30 an endorsement to such applicant, either unlimited or containing such
31 limitations as the commissioner deems advisable. If an applicant or
32 motorcycle endorsement holder has any health problem which might
33 affect such person's ability to operate a motorcycle safely, the
34 commissioner may require the applicant or endorsement holder to
35 demonstrate personally that, notwithstanding the problem, such
36 person is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, and the
37 commissioner may further require a certificate of the applicant's
38 condition, signed by a medical authority designated by the
39 commissioner, which certificate shall, in all cases, be treated as
40 confidential by the commissioner. With respect to any vision test
41 required by the commissioner prior to granting a motorcycle
42 endorsement, the commissioner may waive such requirement for any
43 applicant who presents the documentation described in subdivisions
44 (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection, and presents documentation of a
45 vision test administered by the United States Department of Defense or
46 a branch of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103,
47 demonstrating that such applicant meets the vision standards for a
48 motorcycle endorsement established by the commissioner, provided
49 such vision test was administered not more than two years prior to the

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Revenue Loss	up to 1,000	up to 1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a potential revenue loss of up to \$1,000 to the Transportation Fund as a result of exempting certain active duty military members from a motor cycle knowledge and vision test administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The fee for this test is \$40 and it is anticipated that a minimal amount of exemptions will occur.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 303*****AN ACT CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes it easier for certain active duty military members to obtain a motorcycle license endorsement. It allows the motor vehicles commissioner to waive (1) an examination demonstrating that the applicant is a proper person to operate a motorcycle, has sufficient knowledge of the motorcycle's mechanisms to operate it safely, and has satisfactory knowledge of the law concerning motorcycles and other motor vehicles and the rules of the road, and (2) a vision test.

Under the bill, the applicant must (1) be an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or reserves, including the Connecticut National Guard); (2) be stationed outside the state; and (3) have completed a novice motorcycle training course using the curriculum of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation within two years before applying.

To qualify for the vision exemption, the applicant must submit the results of a vision test done within two years before applying, demonstrating that he or she meets the required vision standards. The vision test must be administered by the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

HB 6495, reported favorably by the Transportation Committee, also allows the motor vehicle commissioner to waive the motorcycle

examination for these service members.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/07/2013)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2013)