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Testimony in support of:

HB 5637: An Act Concerning the Fee for an American Flag on a Nonexpired Motor Vehicle  
Driver's License Held by a Veteran  
Transportation Committee  
February 9, 2015

Good afternoon Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero, Representative O'Dea, Senator Boucher, and members of the Transportation Committee. I am here before you to advocate on behalf of HB 5637, AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR AN AMERICAN FLAG ON A NONEXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE HELD BY A VETERAN.

We all owe a debt to those who have served our country in the armed forces. This is why we passed legislation giving our veterans special status identifiable by an American flag on their driver's license. With this symbol on their driver's license, a veteran may be eligible for certain benefits. However, when these veterans arrive at the Department of Motor Vehicles to get the American flag placed on their license, they are charged \$30 for a full replacement. I have proposed this bill because I believe waiving the fee for an American flag on a non-expired license is the least we can do to give back to these valuable members of our community. I look forward to working with the committee regarding this bill, and thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Representative Robert Sampson  
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