



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 145**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5355

*House of Representatives, March 23, 2016*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES FOR VETERANS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-50a of the 2016 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee charged by  
5 the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the following items or services  
6 shall be twenty dollars:

7 (1) Duplicate of a registration certificate.

8 (2) For each duplicate of a motor vehicle operator's license or  
9 identity card, thirty dollars, except that the commissioner shall waive  
10 such fee for any such duplicate issued that indicates a person's status  
11 as a veteran, as provided in subsection (e) of section 14-36h. As used in  
12 this section, "duplicate" shall include any license or identity card that is

13 reissued prior to the expiration date of a previously issued license or  
14 identity card, and (A) is identical to the holder's most recently issued  
15 license or identity card, or (B) contains modifications to one or more  
16 items of information that appear on the holder's most recently issued  
17 license or identity card. Notwithstanding the provisions of this  
18 subdivision, one duplicate shall be issued, for a fee of five dollars, to  
19 the holder of a license or identity card who reaches the age of twenty-  
20 one years.

21 (3) Replacement number plate or set of number plates, except as  
22 provided in subsection (c) of section 14-253a.

23 (4) Replacement number plate or set of number plates bearing same  
24 number as set of replaced plates.

25 (5) Certified abstract of driving history record, or driving history  
26 record for applicants for commercial driver's license with passenger  
27 endorsement or transportation permit.

28 (6) Name of registered owner.

29 (7) Operator license information.

30 (8) Certification of any copy or record.

31 (9) Certified transcripts of hearing held and transcribed by the  
32 commissioner, three dollars and fifty cents per page with a minimum  
33 charge of twenty dollars.

34 (10) Each copy of a motor vehicle operator's completed application  
35 for a license.

36 (11) Each copy of a completed application for registration of a motor  
37 vehicle.

38 (12) Each copy of a title document provided to a municipality.

39 (13) Each request for information as provided in section 14-10, the  
40 amount provided in said section.

41 (14) Each document from a motor vehicle record, as defined in  
42 section 14-10, that is electronically maintained by the Department of  
43 Motor Vehicles.

44 (15) For any copy or material released from information maintained  
45 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for which no fee is established by  
46 statute, an amount determined by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	14-50a(a)

**VA** *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>	<b>FY 18 \$</b>
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the \$30 duplicate driver's license fee for any veteran that wants to obtain a veteran's driver's license before their renewal date. The revenue loss will be dependent on the number of veterans who already have a state driver's license. There are approximately 217,000 veterans in the state of Connecticut. It should be noted there is no additional cost for veterans to receive the veteran's driver's license when obtaining a license or renewing a license.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future dependent on the number of veterans.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5355*****AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES FOR VETERANS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner to waive the \$30 fee for a duplicate operator's license or non-driver identity card indicating a person's status as a veteran. Under the law, a "duplicate" is a license or identity card reissued before the previous card or license expires. It must be identical to, or include modifications to, information that appears on the most recent license or card.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

**BACKGROUND*****Veteran Status on License Plate or Identification Card***

Veterans may ask the veterans affairs commissioner to have their veteran status indicated on their state driver's license or non-driver identity card. If the commissioner verifies that a requestor is a veteran, he must inform the Department of Motor Vehicles, which must indicate the person's veteran status on any original or duplicate license or identification card issued to or renewed by the person (CGS § 14-36h(e)).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/08/2016)