



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 67

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Substitute House Bill No. 5352

House of Representatives, March 21, 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 CONCERNING VETERANS' PLATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-20b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
5 veteran or member of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of
6 section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member,
7 shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least
8 one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of
9 registration and a set of number plates for each such vehicle. The
10 plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22. The
11 commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates [which] that shall cover
12 the entire cost of making the same and [which] that shall be in addition
13 to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle, except no such fee for
14 such plates shall be charged to any veteran or member of the armed

15 forces who has a disability rating of seventy per cent or more, as
16 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	14-20b(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), "for such plates" was inserted after "except no such fee" for clarity.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill would result in a revenue loss of up to \$100,000 in the Special Transportation Fund by allowing the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the veterans' license plate fee for veterans with a disability rating of 70% or more. The cost of a veterans' vanity plate is \$96.50 and a transfer veterans' plate is \$27.50. There are approximately 6,000 veterans in Connecticut with a disability rating of 70% or more although it is unknown how many already have a veterans' license plate.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner to waive the veterans' special license plate fee for any veteran or U.S. Armed Forces member with a Veterans' Administration disability rating of 70% or more.

By law, the commissioner may issue the plates and special registration certificates to veterans and U. S. Armed Forces members, or their surviving spouses, who request them for a motor vehicle they have owned or leased for at least one year. He must charge a fee to cover the cost of making the plates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/03/2016)