



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5578

House of Representatives, March 21, 2017

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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF PURPLE HEART NUMBER PLATES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-20b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any
4 veteran or member of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of
5 section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such veteran or member,
6 shall register any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least
7 one year by such person and shall issue a special certificate of
8 registration and a set of number plates for each such motor vehicle.
9 The plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22.
10 The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates, which fee shall
11 cover the entire cost of making [the same and which] such plates and
12 shall be in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle,
13 except the commissioner shall not charge a fee for such plates that
14 recognize the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

15 (b) Any such member of the armed forces who is dishonorably
16 discharged shall return such plates to the commissioner not later than
17 thirty days after such discharge. The commissioner shall not renew
18 such plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by any such
19 member of the armed forces who is dishonorably discharged.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-20b

VA *Joint Favorable*

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 18 \$	FY 19 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Revenue Loss	less than \$1,000	less than \$1,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue loss of less than \$1,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles to waive the \$10.00 fee for a Military Order of the Purple Heart license plate. To date, 921 Purple Heart license plates have been purchased and it is estimated that there are less than 100 eligible individuals who could receive this license plate.

The Out Years

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

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5578*****AN ACT ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF PURPLE HEART NUMBER PLATES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner to issue Purple Heart license plates without charging the additional fee, which, by law, he charges to cover the cost of making certain special veterans' plates. By law, unchanged by the bill, the commissioner must still charge the registration fee for the plates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

BACKGROUND***Veterans' Special Plates***

Veterans and armed forces members, or their surviving spouses, may request a special registration certificate and set of number plates for any motor vehicle owned or leased by them for at least one year.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/02/2017)