

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-7134

AN ACT CONCERNING REDUCED BUS FARES FOR VETERANS.

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## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Potential Revenue Gain	Potential	Potential
Department of Transportation	TF - Uncertain Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to allow individuals who have a license indicating they are a veteran to ride state owned or controlled buses at a reduced fare. The reduced amounts are uncertain pending decisions by the DOT.

On average, each CT resident takes the bus 13 times per year at a rate \$1.75 per trip. There are 11,450 veteran residents with the flag license. The associated, maximum annual revenue loss (assuming the reduced rate is zero and all eligible veterans ride the bus) based on these factors is estimated to be \$220,214. It should be noted that the number of veterans who currently ride the bus is unknown.<sup>1</sup>

The number of individuals who have a license indicating they are a veteran is 11,450. The bill may result in a revenue gain to the Special

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<sup>1</sup> There are 11,450 veterans eligible under the definition of the bill. The CT population is 3.6 million and the FY 18 passenger trips are 39,267,633.

Transportation Fund due to individuals choosing to pay the \$30 fee for a veteran status license before their renewal date. There are currently 177,000 veterans in the State of Connecticut.

***The Out Years***

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