OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7136

AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts veterans from paying the passport to the parks fee collected on new and renewal motor vehicle registrations for passenger, motorcycle, motor home, combination, and antique motor vehicles. It requires anyone seeking such exemption to present documentation that indicates his or her veteran status to the Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner or his authorized representative.

By law, the “passport to the parks fee” is (1) $10 for a biennial registration or (2) $5 for an individual age 65 or over who chooses to renew his or her registration annually. (Associated with the fee, beginning January 1, 2018, individuals with a valid Connecticut motor vehicle license plate do not pay a parking fee at any state park, forest, or recreational facility.)

By law, and under the bill, a veteran is anyone honorably discharged from or released under honorable conditions from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the Connecticut National Guard performing certain duties (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions) (CGS § 27-103(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/12/2019)