

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7134

AN ACT CONCERNING BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CHARGES FOR

Title: VETERANS.

Vote Date: 3/12/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/7/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee
Sen. Saud Anwar

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill permits veterans to utilize state-owned or state-controlled public bus transportation at a discounted rate, provided they present a form of identification that indicates their status as a veteran. Many veterans experience difficulties with transportation, and reduced fares for public buses may help lessen some of those challenges.

Proposed Substitute Language: Initially the language stipulated that qualifying veterans would be exempt from fees for public bus transportation. This exemption was removed in H.B. No. 7134 (LCO 5939) and replaced by a discounted rate modelled after that which is available to seniors.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed for H.B. No. 7134

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Daniel C. Thurston, Chairman, Connecticut Veterans and Military Coalition: Mr. Thurston testified that H.B. No. 7134 would help veterans get to and from appointments, provided they have access to public transportation.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed for H.B. No. 7134

Reported by: Benjamin S. Watson, Asst. Clerk

Date: March 21st, 2019