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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES--DISABLED
VETERANS

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Gallo, Ciccone, Seveney, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Office of Veterans Affairs)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-6-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-6 entitled "Registration
2 Fees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-6-8. Disabled veterans.**

4 (a) Any veteran who has been honorably discharged from the service of the armed forces
5 or the merchant marine of the United States in any of the wars or campaigns in which the United
6 States has been engaged and who, while engaged in these wars or campaigns or as a result of
7 engagement in these wars or campaigns, by reason of amputation, has lost one or both of his or
8 her arms, hands, feet, or legs, or who, by reason of other permanent injury, has lost the use of one
9 or both of his or her arms, hands, feet, or legs, or to whom has been granted a motor vehicle under
10 chapter 870-2D, United States Public Laws 663, enacted 1946, 79th Congress, or has been
11 determined by the [U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs](#) ~~Veterans' Administration~~ to:

12 (1) ~~Have~~ [have](#) a [combined](#) service connected disability [rating](#) of one hundred percent
13 (100%); ~~or~~

14 (2) [Be considered "individually unemployable" due to their service-connected disability,](#)
15 shall be ~~forever~~ exempt from the payment of any fee for the annual registration of and a license to
16 operate that motor vehicle.

17 (b) The administrator for the division of motor vehicles shall issue to an eligible veteran
18 for use on an automobile, or on a commercial vehicle having a gross weight of six thousand three

1 hundred pounds (6,300 lbs.) or less, registration plates designated "Disabled Veteran". Upon the
2 death of the holder of "Disabled Veteran" plates, the plates may be transferred to his or her
3 surviving spouse for his or her lifetime or until he or she remarries. Only one set of "Disabled
4 Veteran" plates shall be issued to an eligible veteran and only after certification of eligibility from
5 the Veterans' Administration or other satisfactory documentation of eligibility is presented.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would expand and would clarify what constitutes disability entitling disabled
- 2 veterans to the waiver of motor vehicle registration fees.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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