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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Shanley, Dawson, Azzinaro,
Kennedy, Hull, Solomon, Chippendale, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 09, 2024

Referred To: House Corporations

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 the
8 veteran's arms, hands, feet, or legs, or who, by reason of other permanent injury, has lost the use
9 of one or both of the veteran's arms, hands, feet, or legs, or to whom has been granted a motor
10 vehicle under chapter 870-2D, United States Public Laws 663, enacted 1946, 79th Congress, or has
11 suitable documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to establish that the veteran:

12 (1) Has a combined service connected disability rating of one hundred percent (100%); or

13 (2) Is considered "individually unemployable" due to the veteran's service-connected
14 disability, shall be exempt from the payment of any fee for the annual registration of and a license
15 to operate that motor vehicle.

16 (b) The administrator for the division of motor vehicles shall issue to an eligible veteran
17 for use on an automobile, or on a commercial vehicle having a gross weight of twelve thousand
18 pounds (12,000 lbs.) or less, registration plates designated "Disabled Veteran." Upon the death of
19 the holder of "Disabled Veteran" plates, the plates may be transferred to the veteran's surviving

1 spouse for the spouse's lifetime or until the spouse remarries. Only one set of "Disabled Veteran"
2 plates shall be issued to an eligible veteran and only after certification of eligibility from the
3 Veterans' Administration or other satisfactory documentation of eligibility is presented.

4 [\(c\) Any veteran issued "Disabled Veteran" license plates shall be entitled to all the rights](#)
5 [and privileges contained in § 31-28-7. This subsection shall eliminate the requirement for a](#)
6 [disability parking privilege placard to be displayed on the vehicle.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow veterans with "Disabled Veterans" license plates to all the rights and
2 privileges to persons possessing a disability parking permit. There would be no requirement of a
3 parking privilege placard to be displayed in the vehicle.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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