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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CAR REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED
VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 249-31.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§~~249-31.5~~§~~ Exemptions ~~from registration fees~~
4 for certain vehicles; disabled veterans. (a) A disabled
5 veteran who:

6 (1) Is a resident of Hawaii;

7 (2) Has been other than dishonorably discharged from the
8 United States uniformed armed forces; and

9 (3) Is determined by the United States Department of
10 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected
11 one hundred per cent disability rating for compensation or a
12 service-connected disability rating of one hundred per cent; and

13 (4) Is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any
14 branch of the uniformed armed forces,
15 shall be exempt from payment of all annual vehicle registration
16 fees as required by section 249-31~~[-]~~ and the tax imposed under
17 this chapter. This exemption shall not extend to vehicles used

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1 for commercial purposes, nor to more than one vehicle owned by
2 the disabled veteran.

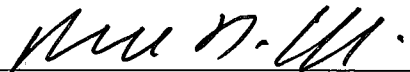
3 (b) The director of the office of veterans' services, in
4 consultation with the policy advisory board on [+]veterans' [+]
5 services, shall submit a report to the legislature and the
6 department of taxation no later than twenty days prior to the
7 convening of each regular session providing the legislature and
8 the department of taxation with the total number of disabled
9 veterans who qualify under this section for the exemption from
10 annual vehicle registration fees[-] and the tax imposed under
11 this chapter."

12 SECTION 2. This Act shall apply to motor vehicle
13 registrations issued or renewed after July 1, 2019.

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act upon its approval, shall take effect
17 on July 1, 2019.

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20 INTRODUCED BY: _____



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Report Title:

Car Registration Fee Exemption For Disabled Veterans

Description:

Repeals requirement that a disabled veteran be in receipt of disability retirement pay in order to be exempt from the payment of annual vehicle registration fees.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Defense

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAR
REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION FOR
DISABLED VETERANS

PURPOSE: Repeal requirement that a disabled
veteran be in receipt of disability
retirement pay in order to be exempt from
the payment of annual vehicle
registration fees.

MEANS: Amend section 249-31.5, Hawaii
Revised Statutes (HRS).

JUSTIFICATION: Current section 249-31.5, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, allows exemption
from registration fees for those who
(1) are residents of Hawaii, (2)
received an other than dishonorable
discharge characterization from the
US Armed Forces, (3) are determined
to have a disability rating of 100
percent determined by the Department
of Veterans Affairs, and (4) are in
receipt of disability retirement pay
from any branch of the uniformed
armed forces. If the legislative
intent was to offer this exemption
to 100 percent eligible disabled
Veterans, because of the restrictive
language with the "disability
retirement pay" clause, only 120
eligible Veterans (4%) have
qualified out of 3,075 VA 100
percent disabled rated in Hawaii.
Striking the "disability retirement
pay" clause from the current statute
will allow more Veterans to receive
this \$45-dollar registration fee
exemption on their car registration
for one vehicle and will better
align with the Legislature's intent.

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Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other
agencies: None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUND: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION:

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.