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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE VEHICLE WEIGHT TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY
PERSONNEL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that current law requires
2 a member of the National Guard, military reserve, or armed
3 forces to be assigned to a unit in the State to be eligible for
4 an exemption from the vehicle weight tax. This requirement has
5 had the unintended consequence of disqualifying Hawaii service
6 members serving out-of-state from being able to claim the
7 exemption.

8 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

9 (1) Repeal the requirement that a member of the National
10 Guard, military reserve, or armed forces must be
11 assigned to a unit in the State in order to be
12 eligible for the vehicle weight tax exemption; and

13 (2) Clarify that the vehicle weight tax exemption is
14 available to service members who claim Hawaii as their
15 residence of record.



SECTION 2. Section 249-6.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~[+]§249-6.5[+]~~ **Exemption for National Guard, military reserves, and other active duty military personnel claiming Hawaii as their residence of record.** One noncommercial motor vehicle registered to a member of the:

(1) National Guard~~[, military]~~;

(2) Military reserve~~[,]~~; or ~~[armed]~~

(3) Armed service, including the Coast Guard,

who is~~+~~

~~(1) Assigned to a unit in the State; and~~

~~(2) A] a member in good standing~~~~[,]~~

and who claims Hawaii as their residence of record shall be exempt from the vehicle weight tax provided for in this chapter."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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S.B. NO. 603

Report Title:

Motor Vehicle Registration; Vehicle Weight Tax; Active Duty Service Members; Military Reserves; National Guard; Exemption

Description:

Repeals the requirement that a member of the National Guard, military reserve, or armed forces must be assigned to a unit in the State in order to qualify for a vehicle weight tax exemption. Clarifies that the vehicle weight tax exemption is available to service members who claim Hawaii as their residence of record.

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