

A Bill for an Act Relating to Veterans.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§249- Exemptions for certain vehicles; disabled veterans. (a) A disabled veteran who:

- (1) Is a resident of Hawaii;
- (2) Has been other than dishonorably discharged from the United States uniformed armed forces;
- (3) Is determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected one hundred per cent disability rating for compensation or a service-connected disability rating of one hundred per cent; and
- (4) Is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the uniformed armed forces,

shall be exempt from payment of all annual vehicle registration fees as required by section 249-31. This exemption shall not extend to vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more than one vehicle owned by the disabled veteran.

(b) The director of the office of veterans' services, in consultation with the policy advisory board on veterans services, shall submit a report to the legislature and the department of taxation no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session providing the legislature and the department of taxation with the total number of disabled veterans who qualify under this section for the exemption from annual vehicle registration fees.”

SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 ~~[and]~~, 249-6, and 249-, shall be subject to a \$45 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall be collected together with the county fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under this section to the State.”

SECTION 3. This Act shall apply to motor vehicle registrations issued or renewed after January 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 19, 2015.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.