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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, O'Brien, Bennett, Costantino, and Vella-  
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: January 03, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

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 Veterans' Administration to~~ suitable documentation from the U.S. Department  
12 of Veterans' Affairs to establish that the veteran:

13           (1) ~~Has~~ have a combined service connected disability rating of one hundred percent  
14 (100%); or

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

18           (b) The administrator for the division of motor vehicles shall issue to an eligible veteran

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

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would clarify what constitutes a disability entitling disabled veterans to the
- 2 waiver of the motor vehicle registration fees.
- 3           This act would take effect January 1, 2019.

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