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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: Senators Felag, Gallo, Ciccone, Lynch Prata, and Conley

Date Introduced: January 11, 2018

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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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