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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

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

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

4           "§249- Exemptions for certain vehicles; disabled

5 veterans. A disabled veteran who is:

6           (1) A resident of Hawaii;

7           (2) Other than dishonorably discharged from the United  
8 States uniformed armed forces;

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

14           (4) Determined by the United States Department of Veterans  
15 Affairs or its predecessor as having an annual income  
16 of not more than \$                   ; and



1       (5) In receipt of disability retirement pay from any  
2           branch of the uniformed armed forces,  
3       shall not be required to pay any annual vehicle registration  
4       fees as required by section 249-31. This exemption shall not  
5       extend to vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more  
6       than one vehicle of the disabled veteran."

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

9           "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as  
10 defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,  
11 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 [~~and~~], 249-6, and  
12 249- , shall be subject to a \$45 annual vehicle registration  
13 fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other  
14 taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as  
15 established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and  
16 the state registration for that county shall likewise be  
17 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable  
18 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county  
19 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if  
20 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective  
21 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle



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1 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the  
2 moneys collected under this section to the State."

3 SECTION 3. The director of the office of veterans  
4 services, in consultation with the policy advisory board on  
5 veterans services, shall submit a report to the legislature and  
6 the department of taxation no later than twenty days prior to  
7 the convening of each regular session providing the legislature  
8 and the department of taxation with the total number of disabled  
9 veterans that qualify for the exemption from the annual vehicle  
10 registration fees under section 249- , Hawaii Revised  
11 Statutes.

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

14 SECTION 5. This Act, upon its approval, shall apply to  
15 motor vehicle registrations occurring on or after September 1,  
16 2015.

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**Report Title:**

State Vehicle Registration Fee; Veterans; Exemption; Report

**Description:**

Exempts qualifying totally and permanently disabled veterans from paying the State motor vehicle registration fee. Requires the office of veterans services to report the number of qualifying veterans to the legislature and department of taxation. Applies to motor vehicle registration occurring on or after September 1, 2015.

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