



GOV. MSG. NO. 1228

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 19, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1153 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO VETERANS
ACT 128 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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) A disabled veteran who:
6 (1) Is a resident of Hawaii;
7 (2) Has been other than dishonorably discharged from the
8 United States uniformed armed forces;
9 (3) Is determined by the United States Department of
10 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-
11 connected one hundred per cent disability rating for
12 compensation or a service-connected disability rating
13 of one hundred per cent; and
14 (4) Is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any
15 branch of the uniformed armed forces,
16 shall be exempt from payment of all annual vehicle registration
17 fees as required by section 249-31. This exemption shall not



1 extend to vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more
2 than one vehicle owned by the disabled veteran.

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

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

13 "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as
14 defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,
15 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 [and], 249-6, and
16 249- , shall be subject to a \$45 annual vehicle registration
17 fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other
18 taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as
19 established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and
20 the state registration for that county shall likewise be
21 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable



1 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county
2 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if
3 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective
4 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle
5 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the
6 moneys collected under this section to the State."

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

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

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

APPROVED this 19 day of JUN , 2015



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

