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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; and

14 (4) In receipt of disability retirement pay from any

15 branch of the uniformed armed forces,

16 shall be exempt from paying one-half of the required annual

17 vehicle registration fee as provided in section 249-31, rounded

18 up to the nearest dollar. This exemption shall not extend to



1 vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more than one  
2 vehicle of the disabled veteran."

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

5 "(a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as  
6 defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles,  
7 except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4 [~~and~~], 249-6, and  
8 249- , shall be subject to a \$45 annual vehicle registration  
9 fee. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other  
10 taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as  
11 established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and  
12 the state registration for that county shall likewise be  
13 staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable  
14 at the same time and shall be collected together with the county  
15 fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if  
16 not paid with the county registration fee. The respective  
17 counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle  
18 registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the  
19 moneys collected under this section to the State."

20 SECTION 3. The director of the office of veterans'  
21 services, in consultation with the policy advisory board on  
22 veterans' services, shall submit a report to the legislature and



1 the department of taxation, no later than twenty days prior to  
2 the convening of each regular session, providing the legislature  
3 and the department of taxation with the total number of disabled  
4 veterans who qualify for the exemption from the state vehicle  
5 registration fee under section 249- , Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.



**Report Title:**

State Vehicle Registration Fee; Veterans; Exemption; Report

**Description:**

Provides qualifying totally and permanently disabled veterans an exemption of one-half of the state vehicle registration fee, rounded up to the nearest dollar. Requires the Office of Veterans' Services to report the number of qualifying veterans to the Legislature and Department of Taxation. Effective 1/1/15. (SD1)

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