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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 or discharged for  
8 bad conduct from the United States uniformed armed  
9 forces;

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

15          (4) In receipt of disability retirement pay from any  
16 branch of the uniformed armed forces,

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

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



1 up to the nearest dollar. This exemption shall not extend to  
2 vehicles used for commercial purposes, nor to more than one  
3 vehicle owned, leased, or operated by the disabled veteran."

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

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

21 SECTION 3. The director of the office of veterans'  
22 services, in consultation with the policy advisory board on



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

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

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



**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 1/1/50. (SD2)

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