

By the Committee on Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; and Senators Fasano and Gaetz

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to driver's license fees for disabled  
 3           veterans; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; providing that  
 4           disabled veterans who meet certain qualifications are  
 5           entitled to a specified reduction in driver's license  
 6           fees; reorganizing provisions; providing an effective  
 7           date.

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 9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 322.21, Florida  
 12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting  
 14           fees.—

15           (7) (a) A ~~Any~~ veteran who meets the qualifications in  
 16           subparagraphs 1.-5. is exempt from all fees required by this  
 17           section:

- 18           1. Has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces;
- 19           2. ~~who~~ Has been issued a valid identification card by the  
 20           Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17, or  
 21           the veteran must provide an official letter from the United  
 22           States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor stating  
 23           the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and  
 24           a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge at the time of  
 25           application for a driver's license or driver's license renewal;
- 26           3. Has been determined by the United States Department of  
 27           Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have:
  - 28           a. A 100 percent ~~100-percent~~ total and permanent service-  
 29           connected disability rating for compensation;7 or

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30 ~~b. Has been determined to have~~ A service-connected total  
31 and permanent disability rating of 100 percent;~~;~~

32 4. Is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any  
33 branch of the United States Armed Services;~~;~~ and

34 5. Who Is qualified to obtain a driver's license under this  
35 chapter ~~is exempt from all fees required by this section.~~

36 (b) A veteran who meets the qualifications in subparagraphs  
37 1. and 2. is entitled to a 50 percent reduction in all fees  
38 required by this section:

39 1. Meets the qualifications in subparagraphs (a)1., 2., 4.,  
40 and 5.; and

41 2. Has been determined by the United States Department of  
42 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have:

43 a. A total and permanent service-connected disability  
44 rating for compensation of at least 50 percent but less than 100  
45 percent; or

46 b. A service-connected total and permanent disability  
47 rating of at least 50 percent but less than 100 percent.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.