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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides exemptions from various watercraft and motor vehicle taxes and fees to veterans with total and permanent disability ratings.

Section

- 1 Watercraft license fees; disabled veterans.** Provides an exemption from watercraft registration fees for disabled veterans (as defined in section 6).
Effective date: Registration periods beginning on or after 1/1/2017.
- 2 Watercraft title fees; disabled veterans.** Provides an exemption from the fees for issuing title certificates for watercraft owned by disabled veterans (as defined in section 6).
Effective date: 1/1/2017.
- 3 County wheelage tax; disabled veterans.** Provides an exemption from the county wheelage taxes for vehicles registered to disabled veterans (as defined in section 6).
Effective date: Registration periods beginning on or after 1/1/2017.
- 4 Motor vehicle registration tax; disabled veterans.** Provides that the following motor vehicle taxes and fees do not apply passenger automobiles, one-ton pickup trucks, motorcycles, or recreational vehicles registered to disabled veterans (as defined in section 6):
 - registration tax
 - administrative, plate, and filing fees
 - filing fees for registration renewal and other vehicle transactions

Section

- plate and validation sticker fees.

The exemption does not apply to fees for personalized license plates or to contributions or donations required for special license plates.

Effective date: Registration periods beginning on or after 1/1/2017.

- 5 Motor vehicle title fees; disabled veterans.** Provides an exemption from the fees for issuing title certificates on motor vehicles for disabled veterans (as defined in section 6).

Effective date: 1/1/2017.

- 6 Disabled veteran; definition.** Defines a disabled veteran (“veteran with a total service-connected disability”) for purposes of the drivers’ license chapter of Minnesota Statutes as a veteran with a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Veterans Administration or the retirement board of one of the service branches.

Effective date: The day following final enactment.

- 7 Drivers’ license fees; disabled veterans.** Provides an exemption from various drivers’ license fees and charges for disabled veterans (as defined in section 6). This includes basic drivers’ licenses, endorsements, and identification cards, including filing fees.

Effective date: 1/1/2017.

- 8 Sales tax exemption; watercraft purchases by disabled veterans.** Exempts watercraft purchases made by disabled veterans (as defined in section 6) from state and local sales taxes.

Effective date: Purchases after 1/1/2017.

- 9 Motor vehicle sales tax exemption; purchases by disabled veterans.** Exempts purchases of cars and trucks by disabled veterans (as defined in section 6) from the state motor vehicle sales tax.

Effective date: Purchases after 1/1/2017.