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Overview

This bill creates exemptions for veterans with a 100% total and permanent service-connected disability rating, from a number of transportation-related taxes (i.e., the registration tax and motor vehicle sales tax) and fees (such as for driver's licenses, license plates, and vehicle titles). The types of vehicles that qualify under the vehicle-related exemptions are passenger autos, one-ton pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles. Unless noted otherwise below, the exemptions go into effect January 1, 2018.

Section

- 1 **Tax authorized.** Creates an exemption from the county wheelage tax (if a county imposes it) for vehicles registered by veterans having a total service-connected disability.
- 2 **Vehicles registered by certain veterans.** Creates an exemption from registration taxes (tab fees) as well as various filing and plate fees, for vehicles registered by veterans having a total service-connected disability. The exemption does not extend to fees for personalized plates or donations required in conjunction with some special plates.
- 3 **Exemption; vehicles for certain veterans.** Creates an exemption from fees on vehicle titles, title transfers, and other title-related transactions, for vehicles registered to veterans having a total service-connected disability.
- 4 **Veteran with a total service-connected disability.** Defines a "veteran with a total service-connected disability" for the chapter on driver's licenses (and for other exemption provisions), to mean a veteran who provides documentation of a 100 percent total and permanent service-connected disability rating.

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- 5** **Exemption; certain veterans.** Creates an exemption from fees and surcharges on driver's licenses, operator permits, and Minnesota identification cards, for veterans having a total service-connected disability.

- 6** **Exemptions.** Creates an exemption from the motor vehicle sales tax for purchases by veterans having a total service-connected disability. The exemption is effective starting July 1, 2017.