



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6728

LCO No. 5833



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FREE RIDERSHIP FOR VETERANS ON
MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ON VETERANS' DAY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) Annually on the eleventh
2 day of November, any person who is a veteran, as defined in section 27-
3 103 of the general statutes, shall be exempt from payment of the lawful
4 charge for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation
5 service, provided such person presents to the fare inspector, as defined
6 in section 13b-2 of the general statutes, or the driver of such bus, as
7 applicable, a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card indicating
8 such person's status as a veteran, as provided in subsection (e) of section
9 14-36h of the general statutes.

10 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Commissioner of
11 Transportation shall (1) study the feasibility of annually exempting
12 veterans, by January 1, 2030, from payment of any charge, fee or fare
13 associated with riding all modes of public transportation in this state on
14 the eleventh day of November, and (2) if feasible, develop a plan to
15 implement such an exemption. Not later than February 1, 2026, the

16 commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section
17 11-4a of the general statutes, a report detailing the results of such study
18 and recommendations for legislation to carry out such plan to the joint
19 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
20 matters relating to transportation and veterans' affairs.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) annually on Veterans' Day exempt veterans from payment of the fares for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation services, and (2) require the Commissioner of Transportation to study the implementation of expanding such an exemption to all modes of public transportation in the state by January 1, 2030.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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