

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 6766

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LCO No. **4421**

Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS WITH MOTOR VEHICLES OF A CERTAIN AGE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Any veteran (1) who is 2 eligible for an exemption from tax on a motor vehicle belonging to or 3 held in trust for such veteran under section 12-81 of the general statutes, 4 and (2) whose motor vehicle is of such an age that the assessed value of 5 such vehicle, as determined by the schedule of depreciation described 6 in subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of the general 7 statutes, is less than the full amount of property value specified in any 8 applicable exemption under section 12-81 of the general statutes, shall 9 be entitled to a monetary payment from the municipality in which such 10 veteran resides in an amount equal to the lesser of (A) the difference 11 between the actual tax paid on such assessed value and the tax that 12 would be paid for the full exemption to apply, or (B) one hundred 13 dollars.

(b) (1) In each year in which any veteran described in subsection (a)of this section claims a monetary payment under this section, such

veteran shall give notice to the town clerk of such municipality that heor she is entitled to such payment.

18 (2) In each year in which any such veteran submits a claim for such 19 payment, such veteran shall be required to file an application, on a form 20 prepared for such purpose by the assessor, not later than the assessment 21 date with respect to which such payment is claimed, which application 22 shall include (A) a certified copy of such veteran's military discharge 23 document, as defined in section 1-219 of the general statutes, or (B) in 24 the absence of such certified copy, at least two affidavits of disinterested 25 persons showing that the claimant is a veteran as defined in section 27-26 103 of the general statutes, provided the assessor may further require 27 such claimant to be examined by such assessor under oath concerning 28 such facts. Such assessor shall record each such affidavit in full and shall 29 list the name of such veteran, and such service shall be performed by 30 such assessor without remuneration. No assessor, board of assessment 31 appeals or other official shall allow any such claim for payment unless 32 evidence as specified in this section has been filed in the office of such 33 assessor.

(3) The assessor of such municipality shall annually make a certified
list of all such veterans who are found to be entitled to payment under
the provisions of this section, which list shall be filed in the town clerk's
office and shall be prima facie evidence that any such veteran whose
name appears on such list is entitled to such payment.

39 (4) No such veteran may receive such payment until such veteran has 40 proven his or her right to such payment in accordance with the 41 provisions of this section, together with such further proof as may be 42 required under such provisions. Upon sufficient proof, the assessor 43 shall notify the chief executive officer of such municipality who shall 44 draw an order upon the treasurer in favor of such veteran for the 45 amount set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (a) of this 46 section, as applicable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a monetary payment to any veteran whose motor vehicle is of such an age that its depreciated value deprives such veteran of receiving the full benefit of the property tax exemption for which such veteran is eligible.

[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.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. FOSTER, 57th Dist.

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