
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1150

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NO-COST DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTITY CARD RENEWALS FOR VETERANS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner to waive the driver's license or identity card renewal fee for veterans with the veteran designation on their current driver's license or current identity card.

The bill also requires the commissioner to issue a voucher to veterans who apply for their renewals more than six months prior to their licenses or cards expiring. This voucher would waive the fee during the six-month period.

By law, the fee for a renewed license is \$96 and \$32 for a renewed identity card if they are valid for eight years, but the fees are prorated if the commissioner issues renewed licenses and cards for shorter periods of time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Definition of a Veteran

A "veteran" is anyone honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions, or released with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge based on a qualifying condition, from active service in the armed forces (the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, Air Force, and any of their reserve components, including the Connecticut National Guard when under federal service) (CGS § 27-103).

A qualifying condition is a (1) post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury diagnosis by a licensed health care professional

at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility; (2) military sexual trauma disclosed to such a health care professional; or (3) determination by the Qualifying Review Board that sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression was more likely than not the primary reason for the OTH discharge (CGS § 27-103).

Veterans Designation

Veterans may submit a request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to have their status as a veteran on their driver's license or identity card. The DVA must, within 30 days after receipt of a request, verify whether the individual is a veteran and, if verified, notify the DMV commissioner of the request and verification.

The DMV commissioner must indicate the individual's status as a veteran on any driver's license or identity card issued to that person during the original issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identity card or at issuance of a duplicate driver's license or identity card.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/11/2025)