
Transportation Committee

HB 2378

Brief Description: Allowing for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses and identicards.

Sponsors: Representatives McCune, Orwall, Ahern, Finn, Kelley and Ryu.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows veterans to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card.

Hearing Date: 1/23/12

Staff: Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (Department) issues driver's licenses and identification cards. The fee for a driver's license is \$25 and it is issued for a period of five years. The fee for identification cards is \$20 and the renewal period is five years.

The United States Department of Defense issues a document known as the "DD Form 214" that constitutes a verified record of a service member's time in the military. This form also shows a service member's reason for discharge. Government agencies use this form to determine eligibility for certain veteran benefits.

Summary of Bill:

A person may apply to the Department to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card. The person must provide the Department of Defense discharge document, DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" and establishes the person's service in the armed forces.

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The Department may charge an additional fee for driver's licenses with a veteran designation that is sufficient to cover the start-up and administrative costs associated with the inclusion of the designation. The fee may not, however, exceed \$7.50 per designation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 12, 2012.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.