

Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

_____ Regular Session, 2017

H. B. 20-20

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 to provide veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and purpose.** The Legislature finds that many brave
2 men and women of the Commonwealth have willingly answered the call to defend
3 the freedoms we are enjoying by fighting for our country not only in foreign lands
4 but also in our islands. Veterans have contributed significantly to protect our
5 freedoms through their dedicated and unselfish military service to our island and
6 country.

7 The Legislature finds that Public Law No. 18-22 and Public Law 19-10
8 were in enacted into law to provide discounted benefits for the issuance of a
9 veteran license plate and operators license fee. In addition to the aforementioned
10 benefits, many states and territories have extended additional support to veterans
11 such as providing for a discounted benefit for the annual vehicle registration fee.

12 Therefore, the Legislature appreciates our veterans and respectfully
13 recognizes the merits to reward their dedication and unselfish military service.

1 The intent of this Act is to amend Title 9, Division 2 Chapter 1 § 2104 by
2 providing additional discounted benefit to veterans regardless of whether or not
3 the individual has a veterans license plate.

4 **Section 2. Amendment.** Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 is hereby
5 amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 “(a) There shall be paid to the Director of Finance for the registration of
7 vehicles the following fees:

- 8 (1) Bicycles, \$3;
- 9 (2) Mopeds, motor scooters, and motorcycles up to 100cc, \$20;
- 10 (3) Motorcycles and motor scooters over 100cc, \$30;
- 11 (4) Pickups, jeeps, sedans, automobiles, and other motor vehicles not
12 exceeding six passengers or one-half ton capacity and weighing less than
13 2,000 pounds, \$50;
- 14 (5) Trucks, buses and self-propelled equipment and machinery by gross
15 vehicle weight in pounds as specified by the manufacturer at the time of
16 the original sale or entry into the Commonwealth; whichever is greater:
- 17 (A) Under 2,999 pounds or fraction thereof, \$50;
- 18 (B) 3,000 to 4,999 pounds or fraction thereof, \$100;
- 19 (C) 5,000 to 7,499 pounds or fraction thereof, \$200;
- 20 (D) 7,500 pounds and over \$400;
- 21 (6) Low boys, \$50;
- 22 (7) All other self-propelled vehicles, \$100;

1 (8) For duplicate or substitute registration cards and plates: subsections
2 (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this section, \$5; subsections (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6) of
3 this section, \$10; and subsection (a)(7) of this section, \$20.

4 (b) All persons who have paid more than \$25 in 1983 for registration fees
5 for pickups shall receive reimbursement for the amount paid in excess of \$25.

6 (c) The new and annual registration fee, regardless of whether or not the
7 vehicle has a Veterans License Plate, for (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) for a
8 Veteran shall be 25% less than the fee charged for a similarly registered vehicle. A
9 copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty from the
10 Department of Defense (DD 214) or certification from the Military and Veterans
11 Affairs Office, which signifies proof that he/she served in the U.S. military
12 services, shall be furnished to the Department of Public Safety and the
13 Department of Finance in order to provide for the discounted benefit of a vehicle
14 registration fees.”

15 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
16 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a
17 court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
18 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
19 shall not be affected thereby.

20 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
21 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or

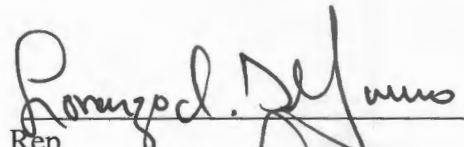
1 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
2 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
3 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
4 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
5 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

6 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
7 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

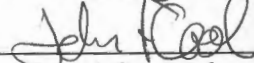
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