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SENATE BILL

No. 1355

Introduced by Senator Runner

February 24, 2012

An act to add Section 12813.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1355, as amended, Runner. Vehicles: driver's licenses: veterans.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses to qualified individuals containing specified information *and to issue an identification card to any person attesting to the person's true full name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification card.*

This bill would require the department to include the designation "VETERAN" on a driver's license *or an identification card* issued to a veteran who requests the designation and provides proof of his or her military service and honorable discharge. *The bill would authorize the department to charge a fee of \$29 for replacement of an unexpired driver's license or identification card with a new driver's license or identification card with a veteran's designation. The bill would also provide that applications for an original driver's license or identification card or the renewal of either are subject to the regular fees for issuance or renewal of the same.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12813.5 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:

3 12813.5. (a) The department shall include the designation
4 “VETERAN” on a driver’s license *or identification card* issued
5 to a veteran in an available space on the face of the driver’s license
6 *or identification card* if both of the following conditions are
7 satisfied:

8 (1) The veteran requests the designation.

9 (2) The veteran provides proof, as determined by the department,
10 of his or her military service and honorable discharge.

11 (b) (1) *The department may charge a fee of twenty-nine dollars*
12 *(\$29) for replacement of an unexpired driver’s license or*
13 *identification card with a new driver’s license or identification*
14 *card with a veteran’s designation. A replacement driver’s license*
15 *or identification card issued under this paragraph shall retain the*
16 *expiration date of the driver’s license or identification card that*
17 *it replaces.*

18 (2) *An application for an original driver’s license or an original*
19 *identification card bearing the veteran’s designation shall be*
20 *subject to the regular fee authorized for the issuance of an original*
21 *driver’s license of the same class or the issuance of an original*
22 *identification card. An application for the renewal of either a*
23 *driver’s license or an identification card bearing a veteran’s*
24 *designation shall be subject to the regular renewal fee authorized*
25 *for the renewal of a driver’s license of the same class or the regular*
26 *renewal fee of an identification card.*

27 ~~(b)~~

28 (c) As used in this section, “veteran” has the same meaning as
29 that term is defined in Section 980 of the Military and Veterans
30 Code.