



HOUSE BILL 223: Disabled Veteran Plate for Motorcycles.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 223 authorizes the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue a 100% Disabled Veteran motorcycle plate, and a Partially Disabled Veteran motorcycle plate. In addition, the bill authorizes DMV to issue free of charge, and upon request, a single 100% Disabled Veteran motorcycle plate.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, DMV is issuing the following:

- **Disabled Veteran** license plates, issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has suffered a 100% service connected disability.
The first plate of this type issued to an applicant is free of charge. Additional plates are issuable at the regular registration fee of \$36, and no additional special plate fee.
- **Partially Disabled Veteran** license plates, issuable to a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who suffered a service connected disability of less than 100%.
This plate is issuable for the regular registration fee of \$36, and no additional special plate fee.
- **Motorcycle plates:** Currently, DMV is authorized to issue a Blue Ridge Parkway motorcycle plate (\$24 regular fee plus \$30 special plate fee); and personalized motorcycle plates (\$24 regular fee plus \$30 personalized plate fee).

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 223 would authorize DMV to issue:

- A **Disabled Veteran** motorcycle plate. The first Disabled Veteran motorcycle plate issued would be free of charge. This plate would be in addition to the first regular Disabled Veteran regular license plate, which would continue to be free of charge. Subsequent motorcycle plates of this type would be issuable for the regular motorcycle registration plate fee of \$24.
- A **Partially Disabled Veteran** motorcycle plate, for the regular motorcycle registration plate fee of \$24.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective July 1, 2017.

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