

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2020 BR NUMBER 185

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 175

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to exemptions from fees for operator's licenses and personal identification cards.

**SPONSOR** Representative Steve Sheldon

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

STATE FISCAL IMPACT:  YES  NO  UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY:  ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS  
 LOCAL MANDATE  CORRECTIONS IMPACT  HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Vehicle Regulation, Court of Justice, and Justice Administration

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED Motorcycle Safety Education Program, County Clerk Salary Supplemental Account, License Fund

<b>FISCAL ESTIMATES</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>NET EFFECT</b>		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** The purpose of this measure is to allow veterans of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard, Coast Guard, or Reserve component that have a service-connected disability greater than 50%, were released with an honorable discharge, and are not a sex offender to obtain a voluntary travel ID, a driver's license, motorcycle license, instruction permit, or a personal identification card for no charge.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminable. Current data indicates that approximately 300,000 veterans reside in Kentucky. Military statistics indicate that approximately 10% of veterans have a disability rating greater than 50% and approximately 85% are discharged honorably or under honorable conditions. The bill requires a veteran be disabled, and honorably discharged therefore this would translate to approximately 8.5% of veterans in Kentucky qualifying for this bill. This would equate to approximately 25,500 veterans. The bill also stipulates that the veteran must provide one of three documents to waive the fee, namely a signed letter on disability status from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, a Defense Department form 214, or a National Guard Bureau Form 22. The veterans have a choice in which license they acquire, all have different fees. With the new eight year cycle of renewing licenses, the timeframe for veterans obtaining licenses and IDs would be spread over eight years.

By waiving the fees for these issuances, this bill would negatively impact the General Fund, Road Fund, and the Restricted Fund accounts; the Motorcycle Safety Education Program, the County Clerk Salary Supplemental Account, and the License Fund. Depending on the exact type of issuance a veteran would acquire, part of the fees could go to any or all of the previously mentioned funds. Overall, the Road Fund would see the largest decrease of revenues.

**DATA SOURCE(S): US Dept. of Veterans Affairs**

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