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The Honorable Samuel A. Azzinaro
Chair, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
State House
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2025 H-6275- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –
REGISTRATION FEES**

Dear Chair Azzinaro:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to express a technical concern with House Bill 6275, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration Fees.

The proposed bill would expand the category of veterans who are exempt from the payment of license and registration fees and are eligible for Disabled Veteran license plates to include those veterans who are seventy-five (75) years of age or older with a combined disability rating of fifty percent (50%).

The DMV's technical concern is with the wording of the new R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-6-8 (a)(2), which refers to a "combined disability rating", whereas the immediately preceding subsection in the existing statute references a "combined ***service connected*** disability rating of one hundred percent (100%)." (Emphasis added). Therefore, for purposes of clarity and to ensure consistency in administration of this exemption for this State's honored veterans, the DMV respectfully requests an amendment to the proposed bill which would define those eligible individuals as including those who are "seventy-five (75) years of age or older with a combined service connected disability rating of fifty percent (50%)."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs
The Honorable Jenni A. Furtado
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker
Thomas A. Verdi, Director, Department of Revenue