

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to exemptions from toll payment for
 3 disabled veterans; providing a short title; amending
 4 s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting certain disabled veterans
 5 from paying a toll on a toll facility; requiring the
 6 Department of Transportation to issue certain passes;
 7 providing requirements for exemption while operating a
 8 rented motor vehicle; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
 13 "Veterans Driving with Dignity Act."

14 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 338.155, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
 17 exemptions.—

18 (3) (a) A person with a disability who has a valid driver
 19 license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped for use by
 20 persons with disabilities, and who is certified by a physician
 21 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or by comparable
 22 licensing in another state or by the Adjudication Office of the
 23 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor
 24 as being severely physically disabled and having permanent upper
 25 limb mobility or dexterity impairments that substantially impair

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26 | the person's ability to deposit coins in toll baskets shall be
27 | allowed to pass free through all tollgates and over all toll
28 | bridges and ferries in this state. Such person shall, upon
29 | application, be issued a vehicle window sticker by the
30 | Department of Transportation.

31 | (b) A person who is determined by the United States
32 | Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a
33 | service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability
34 | rating shall be allowed to pass free through all tollgates and
35 | over all toll bridges and ferries in this state.

36 | 1. The Department of Transportation shall issue such
37 | person, upon application, a pass for up to two motor vehicles
38 | registered to the person. Each pass shall be issued free of
39 | charge.

40 | 2. To be eligible for an exemption pursuant to this
41 | paragraph while operating a rented motor vehicle, such person
42 | must provide the motor vehicle rental company with proof of a
43 | service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability
44 | rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or
45 | its predecessor, and the rental transaction must be in the
46 | exempted person's name.

47 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.