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### **Waiver of Various Fees for Holders of Military Commercial Driver Licenses (Transportation -- Motor Vehicles)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

Under current law, applicants for the commercial driver license pay a combined fee equal to \$74 (\$64 for the license, plus a \$10 issuance fee, which applies to the issuance, renewal, upgrading, or reinstatement of any license, endorsement, or instruction permit issued by the Department). Upgrading a commercial driver license after it is originally issued to add endorsements to operate various categories of vehicles not covered under the basic commercial driver license generally costs \$5, with the exception of the "S" endorsement required for operation of a school bus, which costs \$10. There is no cost to add these endorsements at the time of original license issuance or renewal, except for the "S" endorsement, which costs \$5.

#### **GOVERNOR**

Waive the following fees for commercial driver license applicants who hold a military commercial driver license, first applying to applications made on the bill's general effective date:

- a. the \$64 fee for the original issuance or renewal of a commercial driver license, which includes issuance of any "H", "N", "P", or "T" endorsements, or "Class D" authorization when the applicant is qualified for such endorsements or authorization and the application is made at the same time as the application for, or renewal of, a commercial driver license;
- b. the original issuance or renewal fee of \$5 for the "S" endorsement required to operate a school bus when the applicant is qualified for this endorsement and the application is made at the same time as the application for, or renewal of, a commercial driver license; and

c. the additional fee of \$10 for the issuance, renewal, upgrading, or reinstatement of any license, endorsement, or instruction permit issued by the Department.

## **DISCUSSION POINTS**

1. Under the bill, the fees for a commercial driver license and related endorsements would be waived at the time of initial issuance or renewal and the \$10 additional license issuance fee would be waived for any license type or endorsement, when the applicant holds a military commercial driver license.

2. The administration's intent, as expressed in a technical erratum, was to waive these fees only for military commercial driver license holders applying for the initial issuance of a commercial driver license and related endorsements.

3. If the Committee decides that renewal fees should not be waived and that the \$10 additional license issuance fee should be waived only for the initial issuance of a commercial driver license or related endorsements, the Committee could adopt the changes recommended by the administration. [Alternative #2] The Committee could also decide to continue to waive these fees for commercial driver license and endorsement renewals, but to limit the waiver of the \$10 additional license issuance fee to military commercial driver license holders applying for or renewing a commercial driver license and related endorsements. [Alternative #3]

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation and waive the fees for a commercial driver license and related endorsements at the time of initial issuance or renewal, as well as the \$10 additional license issuance fees for any license type or endorsement, when the applicant holds a military commercial driver license.

2. Modify the Governor's recommendation to reflect the administration's intent to waive the fees for a commercial driver license and related endorsements, as well as the \$10 additional license issuance fee, only for this license type and related endorsements, at the time of initial issuance.

3. Modify the Governor's recommendation to waive the fees for commercial driver license and endorsement renewals, by limiting the waiver of the \$10 additional license issuance fee to military commercial driver license holders applying for or renewing a commercial driver license and related endorsements (the waivers under this alternative would continue to apply to both initial issuance and license renewals).

4. Delete provision.

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