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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Veterans

The 'HERO' Act

Chapter 178 of the Acts 2024

An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans

Recent legislation enacted in the HERO Act has changed the motor vehicle excise tax exemption qualification process for disabled veterans. A determination of qualifying disability from the Registry of Motor Vehicles Medical Advisory Board is no longer required for:

- Veterans who have received a disability rating of 100 percent from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs ('VA')
- Veterans who have been deemed unemployable by the VA due to a service-connected disability

Effective immediately for calendar year 2024 excise tax bills, an exemption of excise tax may be applied to one vehicle of the veteran's choice, which must be registered in the veteran's name.

To apply for an exemption, please submit a current disability rating determination letter from the VA, along with a completed [Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Application](#) to the Assessor's office. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or on the town's website at www.southboroughma.gov

For more information about the HERO Act, please visit the state's website at www.mass.gov.

Please feel free to contact Lori Esposito, Deputy Assessor, at 508-485-0720 or lesposito@southboroughma.com with any questions.