

Veterans' Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-345

AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF THE FARES FOR BUS

Title: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

Vote Date: 3/15/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2022

File No.: 225

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee
Sen. Paul Cicarella, 34th Dist.
Rep. Dorinda Borer, 115th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will allow anyone who is a veteran to use public bus transportation without having to pay a fare. If they are able to present a valid veteran identification card.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi, Department of Veterans' Affairs](#): Supports the concept but cautions that veterans who do not have a driver's license or state issued ID with the Veterans indicator may instead present a Federal VA healthcare card or Veteran service organization membership card.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

1. [Sen. Paul Cicarella, 34th Dist.](#) Support this bill because it will promote higher quality life by also providing access to jobs by way of transportation.
2. [James Amaro, Chairman, Veterans Advisory Committee \(Town of Manchester\)](#): Supports the bill due to the fact, veteran who this will impact are in need and will improve situations.
3. [Brian DaConto, Retried Veteran Employment Specialist, Connecticut Department of Labor](#) Supports the bill because it takes away barriers and help get these veterans back on their feet.

4. [Tom Moore U.S. Army Veteran](#) Supports because those using these services are likely not to have any personal transportation available to use and have no other way to get to their appointments, whether healthcare or compensation appointments

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[David Godbout](#), constituent: expressed opposition to all bills under consideration by the committee.

Reported by: Glenn Prushinski

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