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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 362

(Senator Ready, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Environment and Transportation

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**Vehicle Laws - Registration Fee Exemptions - Disabled Veterans**

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This bill exempts vehicles leased to (and personally used by) certain disabled veterans from vehicle registration fees. In order to qualify for the registration fee exemption, the disabled veteran must (1) be designated or classified by the Veterans' Administration as either totally disabled or as having lost the use of a hand, arm, or leg or (2) have a permanent impairment of both eyes that meets specified criteria.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances, as the number of additional exemptions is likely to be minimal.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** The contribution of the U.S. Armed Forces is recognized through several provisions within the Maryland Vehicle Law. Specifically, Maryland has exemptions from registration fees for veterans with certain disabilities and vehicles owned by national veterans' organizations as well as special registration plates for honorably discharged veterans; recipients of individually earned, combat-related, U.S. Armed Forces medals; and recipients of a U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star indicating status as a surviving spouse, parent, or next of kin of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who lost his/her life in combat.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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