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Dear Veteran,

We are informing you about an important update regarding the motor vehicle excise tax exemption for Veterans with service-connected disabilities.

The **“HERO” Act**, passed on August 8, 2024, has amended eligibility criteria under G.L. c. 60A, §1. This new legislation provides a full motor vehicle excise tax exemption for all Veterans with either:

- A 100% service-connected disability rating, or
- A status of unemployment due to a service-connected disability.

What does this mean for you?

You have already filed your application and rating letter for the FY25 property exemption under Clause 22D, 22E, 22F, or 22H. We will use this information to process an excise abatement for **one (1)** 2025 motor vehicle excise bill registered in the Veteran's name. The exemption will be applied to the **vehicle with the highest excise tax amount** unless otherwise specified.

For 2025:

- You do **not** need to provide another copy of your VA service-connected disability benefits letter for the 2025 excise bill issued in February 2025. The current letter on file will be used since new letters are typically unavailable until June.
- If you have a leased vehicle, a newly acquired vehicle, or wish to apply the abatement to a different vehicle registered in your name, please notify us in writing by **February 10, 2025**.

To process the exemption, a copy of the vehicle registration is required. You may submit this documentation by mail, email assessors@marblehead.org, or in person at the Assessor's Office.

Sincerely,

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