

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1129 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, PILEGGI, COSTA, STACK, MENSCH, ERICKSON, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, SOLOBAY, BROWNE AND SCHWANK, OCTOBER 21, 2013

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits,
3 further providing for paralyzed veteran's pension.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7702 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7702. [Paralyzed] Amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

9 (a) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other
10 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any
11 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every amputee
12 and paralyzed veteran shall be paid a pension of \$150 per month.
13 Applications for the pensions shall be made to and in the form
14 prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall
15 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and
16 his decision in the matter shall be final.

17 (b) Regulations.--The Adjutant General shall promulgate such

1 regulations as may be necessary to implement this program.

2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section the term "amputee
3 and paralyzed veteran" means any person who served in the
4 military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's
5 organization officially connected therewith, and who gave this
6 Commonwealth as his or her place of residence at the time of
7 entering the military or naval forces of the United States and
8 who, while performing duties connected with such service,
9 suffered an injury or incurred a disease which resulted in the
10 loss or [loss of use of two or more extremities.] the permanent
11 and severe or complete paralysis of two or more limbs, being
12 defined as having at least two limbs with a 40% disability
13 compensation rating or higher in each limb as determined and
14 certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs IN <--
15 ACCORDANCE WITH 38 CFR CH. 1 PT. 4 (RELATING TO SCHEDULE FOR
16 RATING DISABILITIES), OR ITS SUCCESSOR. The term does not
17 include any person separated from the military or naval forces
18 of the United States[, or any woman's organization officially
19 connected therewith,] under other than honorable conditions.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.