THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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SENATOR STEFANO, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

AN ACT

1   Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2   Consolidated Statutes, in disabled veterans' real estate tax
3   exemption, further providing for duty of commission.

4   The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

5   hereby enacts as follows:

6   Section 1. Section 8904(1) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania

7   Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8   § 8904. Duty of commission.

9   The commission shall:

10   (1) Fix uniform and equitable standards for determining

11   the need for exemption from the payment of real estate taxes

12   granted by this act. In fixing such uniform and equitable

13   standards, the commission shall apply a rebuttable

14   presumption that an applicant with annual income of $75,000

15   or less has a need for the exemption. Beginning on January 1,

16   2009, and every two years thereafter, the commission shall

17   adjust the annual income level qualifying for the rebuttable

1   presumption of need by an amount equal to the change in the

2   Consumer Price Index in the preceding two years. The

3   commission shall publish the adjusted annual income level

4   qualifying for the rebuttable presumption of need as a notice

5   in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. ~~Compensation received by an~~   **<--**

6   ~~individual for an injury due to service as indicated under~~

7   ~~section 2(c) of Article VIII of the Constitution of~~

8   ~~Pennsylvania may not be considered by the commission.~~ IN   **<--**

9   FIXING SUCH UNIFORM AND EQUITABLE STANDARDS, THE COMMISSION

10   MAY NOT CONSIDER DISABILITY COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY AN

11   INDIVIDUAL AS DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

12   VETERANS AFFAIRS.

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14   Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.