## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL** Session of

No. 2502

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, MAY 2, 1980

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 21, 1963 (P.L.174, No.104), entitled, 2 as amended, "An act granting and regulating exemption from 3 payment of real estate taxes by war veterans in need thereof who are blind, paraplegic, have suffered the loss of two or more limbs as a result of military service or have a one 5 6 hundred per cent permanent disability; imposing duties on the 7 State Veterans' Commission; and prohibiting the sale of certain real estate for taxes after grant of an exemption," extending the exemption to certain widows. 9 10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 11 12 Section 1. The title and subsection (a) of section 2, act of 13 June 21, 1963 (P.L.174, No.104), entitled, as amended, "An act 14 granting and regulating exemption from payment of real estate 15 taxes by war veterans in need thereof who are blind, paraplegic, have suffered the loss of two or more limbs as a result of 16 17 military service or have a one hundred per cent permanent 18 disability; imposing duties on the State Veterans' Commission; 19 and prohibiting the sale of certain real estate for taxes after

grant of an exemption, amended March 17, 1978 (P.L.21, No.11),

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- 1 are amended to read:
- 2 AN ACT
- 3 Granting the regulating exemption from payment of real estate
- 4 taxes by war veterans in need thereof who are blind,
- 5 paraplegic or have suffered the loss of two or more limbs as
- 6 a result of military service or have a one hundred per cent
- 7 permanent disability or to their widows; imposing duties on
- 8 the State Veterans' Commission; and prohibiting the sale of
- 9 certain real estate for taxes after grant of an exemption.
- 10 Section 2. (a) Any citizen or resident of this Commonwealth
- 11 shall be exempt from the payment of all real estate taxes levied
- 12 upon any building, including the land upon which it stands,
- 13 occupied by him or her as his or her principal dwelling, if (i)
- 14 he or she has been honorably discharged or released under
- 15 honorable circumstances from the armed forces of the United
- 16 States for service in any war or armed conflict in which this
- 17 Nation was engaged (ii) as a result of such military service he
- 18 or she is blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two
- 19 or more limbs, or has a service-connected disability declared by
- 20 the United States Veterans' Administration or its successors to
- 21 be a total or one hundred per cent permanent disability, (iii)
- 22 such dwelling is owned by him solely or as an estate by the
- 23 entirety or owned by the widow of a disabled veteran, and (iv)
- 24 the need for the exemption from the payment of real estate taxes
- 25 has been determined by the State Veterans' Commission.
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- 27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.