THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An 2 act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying 3 and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, 5 collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing 6 for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and 7 imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations 9 and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and penalties, providing for contributions for assistance to 10 11 retired military veterans. 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. The act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, is amended by adding a section to 16 read: 17 Section 315.10. Contributions for Retired Military Veterans Assistance. -- (a) Beginning with taxable years ending after 18 December 31, 2006, the department shall provide a space on the 19 20 Pennsylvania individual income tax return form whereby an

individual may contribute to a fund for retired military

- 1 yeterans assistance. Persons may do so by stating the amount of
- 2 the contribution, not less than one dollar (\$1), on the return
- 3 and that the contribution will reduce the taxpayer's refund.
- 4 (b) The department shall determine annually the total amount
- 5 <u>designated under this section</u>, <u>less reasonable administrative</u>
- 6 costs, and shall report the amount to the State Treasurer who
- 7 shall transfer the amount to a restricted revenue account within
- 8 the General Fund to be used by the Department of Military and
- 9 <u>Veterans Affairs for assistance to retired military veterans.</u>
- 10 (c) The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall
- 11 <u>utilize the collected funds for veterans assistance</u>,
- 12 <u>improvements in veterans homes or donations to veterans groups</u>
- 13 which provide services primarily to retired veterans.
- 14 (d) The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall
- 15 report annually to the respective committees of the Senate and
- 16 the House of Representatives which have jurisdiction over
- 17 military and veterans affairs on the amount received via the
- 18 checkoff plan and how the funds were utilized.
- 19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.