

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2357

Session of  
2008

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SWANGER, MILNE AND HESS, MARCH 17, 2008

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED,  
APRIL 7, 2008

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for paralyzed  
3 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 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 paralyzed  
12 veteran shall be paid a pension of [\$150] \$200 per month.

13 Applications for the pensions shall be made to and in the form  
14 prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall

1 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and  
2 his decision in the matter shall be final.

3 (b) Regulations.--The Adjutant General shall promulgate such  
4 regulations as may be necessary to implement this program.

5 (c) Definition.--As used in this section the term "paralyzed  
6 veteran" means any person who served in the military or naval  
7 forces of the United States, or any woman's organization  
8 officially connected therewith, and who gave this Commonwealth  
9 as his or her place of residence at the time of entering the  
10 military or naval forces of the United States and who, while  
11 performing duties connected with such service, suffered an  
12 injury or incurred a disease which resulted in the VETERAN BEING <—  
13 CONSIDERED PARALYZED AND RATED WITH A 100% SERVICE-CONNECTED  
14 DISABILITY, AS DETERMINED AND CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES  
15 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, DUE TO THE loss or TOTAL loss of <—  
16 use of two or more extremities. The term does not include any  
17 person separated from the military or naval forces of the United  
18 States, or any woman's organization officially connected  
19 therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.