
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FEBRUARY 8, 2007

AN ACT

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

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

7 Section 1. Section 8904 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended November 29, 2006 (P.L.1459,
9 No.161), is amended to read:

10 § 8904. Duty of commission.

11 The commission shall:

12 (1) Fix uniform and equitable standards for determining
13 the need for exemption from the payment of real estate taxes
14 granted by this act. In fixing such uniform and equitable
15 standards, the commission shall apply a rebuttable
16 presumption that an applicant with annual income of \$75,000
17 or less has a need for the exemption. Beginning on January 1,
18 2009, and every two years thereafter, the commission shall

1 adjust the annual income level qualifying for the rebuttable
2 presumption of need by an amount equal to the change in the
3 Consumer Price Index in the preceding two years. The
4 commission shall publish the adjusted annual income level
5 qualifying for the rebuttable presumption of need as a notice
6 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

7 (2) After submission of proof of need by the applicant
8 for the exemption from payment of real estate taxes,
9 determine the need of the applicant.

10 (3) Review at least once every [five] six years all
11 determinations of need for exemptions from the payment of
12 real estate taxes which have been granted in order to
13 determine any changes in the economic status of applicants
14 bearing upon the question of need.

15 (4) Certify the name and address and the need for
16 exemption from payment of real estate taxes, or termination
17 of such need, to the board for the assessment and revision of
18 taxes, or similar board for the assessment of taxes, having
19 jurisdiction of the assessment of the real property owned
20 solely or as an estate by the entirety and occupied as a
21 residence by the person seeking the tax exemption granted by
22 this chapter.

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