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INTRODUCED BY GRUPPO, SEMMEL, D. W. SNYDER AND HERMAN, JULY 2,
1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
JULY 2, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing a pension for certain
3 disabled veterans.

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

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 7703. Disabled 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 veteran
12 whose service-connected disability is certified 100% shall be
13 paid a pension of \$100 per month. Applications for the pensions
14 shall be made to and in the form prescribed by the department.
15 The Adjutant General shall determine the eligibility of every
16 applicant for a pension, and his decision in the matter shall be
17 final.

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

3 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "veteran
4 whose service-connected disability is certified 100%" means any
5 person who served in the armed forces of the United States, or
6 any woman's organization officially connected therewith, during
7 an established war or armed conflict service dates, and who gave
8 this Commonwealth as his place of residence at the time of
9 entering the armed forces of the United States and is currently
10 a resident of this Commonwealth and who, while performing duties
11 connected with that service, suffered an injury or incurred a
12 disease which resulted in the veteran having a disability
13 certified 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which
14 the veteran served or by the United States Veterans
15 Administration. The term does not include any person separated
16 from the military or naval forces of the United States, or any
17 woman's organization officially connected therewith, under other
18 than honorable conditions. The term shall include veterans whose
19 service-connected disability is certified 100% as a result of
20 peacetime combat-related actions as defined by the Department of
21 Military Affairs. The department shall, by regulation, establish
22 criteria to determine eligibility based on participation in a
23 peacetime combat-related situation, which shall include, but not
24 be limited to, hostile fire or terrorist attack.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.