

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1621

Session of
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INTRODUCED BY SEMMEL, TIGUE, STERN, LEH, ADOLPH, BAKER, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BOYD, BUNT, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, DALEY, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, MANN, MCGEEHAN, MCILHATTAN, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, S. MILLER, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, RAPP, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SHANER, STABACK, E. Z. TAYLOR, TRUE, WALKO, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, ZUG, KAUFFMAN, WRIGHT, BEYER, GRUCELA AND HERMAN, JUNE 3, 2005

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
DECEMBER 13, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the duty of the
3 State Veterans' Commission.

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

6 Section 1. Section 8904 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 8904. Duty of commission.

9 The commission shall:

10 (1) Fix uniform and equitable standards for determining
11 the need for exemption from the payment of real estate taxes
12 granted by this act.

13 (2) After submission of proof of need by the applicant
14 for the exemption from payment of real estate taxes,

determine the need of the applicant.

(3) Review [at least once every ~~two~~ five years] all determinations of need for exemptions from the payment of real estate taxes which have been granted in order to determine any changes in the economic status of applicants bearing upon the question of need[.] AS FOLLOWS:

(I) APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN THE YEAR 2003 WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE YEAR 2006; AND THEN WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

(II) APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN THE YEAR 2004 WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE YEAR 2008; AND THEN WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

(III) APPLICATIONS APPROVED IN THE YEAR 2005 WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE YEAR 2010; AND THEN WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

(IV) APPLICATIONS APPROVED AFTER THE YEAR 2005 WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER.

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

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

IMMEDIATELY.