

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 305 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY HORNAMAN, BENNINGHOFF, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, DEASY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GOODMAN, HALUSKA, HUTCHINSON, KIRKLAND, KULA, MAHONEY, MICOZZIE, MURPHY, M. O'BRIEN, PASHINSKI, PETRARCA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SABATINA, K. SMITH, SONNEY, SWANGER, WAGNER AND YOUNGBLOOD, JANUARY 27, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 27, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits,  
3 further providing for paralyzed 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  
15 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and  
16 his decision in the matter shall be 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 "paralyzed  
4 veteran" means any person who served in the military or naval  
5 forces of the United States, or any woman's organization  
6 officially connected therewith, and who gave this Commonwealth  
7 as his or her place of residence at the time of entering the  
8 military or naval forces of the United States and who, while  
9 performing duties connected with such service, suffered an  
10 injury or incurred a disease which resulted in the veteran's  
11 being considered paralyzed and rated with a 100% service-  
12 connected disability, as determined and certified by the United  
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs, due to the loss or total  
14 loss of use of two or more extremities. The term does not  
15 include any person separated from the military or naval forces  
16 of the United States, or any woman's organization officially  
17 connected therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.