
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. DeMEDIO, CIMINI, SPITZ, MANMILLER, SHUMAN,
ZELLER, LOGUE AND PETRARCA, FEBRUARY 8, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS, FEBRUARY 8, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for an increase in
3 the amount of pension for blind veterans.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7701 of Title 51, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 7701. Blind veteran's pension.

10 (a) Definition.--As used in this section the term "blind
11 veteran" shall mean any person who served in the military or
12 naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization
13 officially connected therewith, at any time, and who gave the
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as his or her place of residence
15 at the time of entering the military or naval forces of the
16 United States, and who while performing duties connected with
17 such service suffered an injury or incurred a disease which
18 resulted in blindness to the extent that he or she has 3/60 or

1 10/200 or less normal vision. The term "blind veteran" shall not
2 include any person separated from the military or naval forces
3 of the United States, or any woman's organization officially
4 connected therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

5 (b) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other
6 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any
7 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every blind
8 veteran shall be paid a pension of [\$50] \$100 per month.

9 Applications for such pensions shall be made to and in the form
10 prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall have
11 the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility
12 of every applicant for a pension, and his decision in the matter
13 shall be final.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.