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FEBRUARY 15, 2000

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 13, 2000

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for eligibility for
3 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 per month. Applications
13 for the pensions shall be made to and in the form prescribed by

1 the department. The Adjutant General shall determine the
2 eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and his decision
3 in the matter shall be final.

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

6 ~~(c) Definition. As used in this section the term "paralyzed~~ <—

7 (C) DEFINITION.-- <—

8 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION THE TERM "PARALYZED veteran"
9 means any person who served in the military or naval forces
10 of the United States, or any woman's organization officially
11 connected therewith, during an established war or armed
12 conflict service dates, and who gave this Commonwealth as his
13 place of residence at the time of entering the military or
14 naval forces of the United States [and is currently a
15 resident of this Commonwealth] and who, while performing <—
16 ~~duties connected~~ OF THIS COMMONWEALTH] AND WHO[, WHILE] MEETS <—
17 ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

18 (I) WHILE PERFORMING DUTIES CONNECTED with that
19 service, suffered an injury or incurred a disease which
20 resulted in the loss or loss of use of two or more
21 ~~extremities. The term does not include any person~~ <—
22 ~~separated from~~ EXTREMITIES. <—

23 (II) WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES RELATING TO
24 DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF, SEARCH AND RESCUE OR PUBLIC
25 PROTECTION IN THIS COMMONWEALTH, SUFFERED AN INJURY OR
26 INCURRED A DISEASE WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OR LOSS OF
27 USE OF TWO OR MORE EXTREMITIES.

28 (2) THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSON SEPARATED FROM
29 the military or naval forces of the United States, or any
30 woman's organization officially connected therewith, under

1 ~~other than honorable conditions. The term shall include~~ <—
2 ~~persons who~~ THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS. <—

3 (3) THE TERM SHALL INCLUDE PERSONS WHO have been
4 paralyzed as a result of peacetime combat-related ~~actions as~~ <—
5 ~~defined by the Department of Military Affairs. The department~~
6 ~~shall, by regulation, establish criteria to determine~~ ACTIONS <—
7 AS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS.

8 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, BY REGULATION, ESTABLISH
9 CRITERIA TO DETERMINE eligibility based on participation in a
10 peacetime combat-related situation, which shall include, but
11 not be limited to, hostile fire or terrorist attack.

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