## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 1742 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, BARRAR, HAGGERTY, COHEN, SCHLOSSBERG, FARINA, SWANGER, DAVIS, HENNESSEY, ROCK, BROWNLEE, WATSON, MAJOR, QUINN, DeLUCA, GINGRICH, BRADFORD, STEVENSON AND KULA, OCTOBER 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 11, 2013

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of
- 3 veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth
- 4 programs.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:
- 9 <u>CHAPTER 97</u>
- 10 VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENT EXCLUSION
- 11 <u>Sec.</u>
- 12 9701. Definitions.
- 13 <u>9702</u>. Exclusion.
- 14 § 9701. Definitions.
- 15 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
- 16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 17 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 18 "Commonwealth program." A program administered by the

- 1 Commonwealth that requires, as a condition for eligibility, the
- 2 inclusion of an individual's income.
- 3 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States
- 4 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard,
- 5 and who was discharged from that service under conditions other
- 6 <u>than dishonorable.</u>
- 7 <u>"Veterans' benefit payment." A service-connected</u>
- 8 compensation or payment which is earned by an individual as a
- 9 <u>result of the individual's status as a veteran.</u>
- 10 § 9702. Exclusion.
- 11 Only 50% of a veterans' benefit payment may be included as
- 12 <u>income for any Commonwealth program.</u>
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.