

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1129 Session of  
2013

INTRODUCED BY ROBBINS, PILEGGI, COSTA, STACK, MENSCH, ERICKSON,  
FONTANA, GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, WHITE, YUDICHAK, BLAKE, SOLOBAY  
AND BROWNE, OCTOBER 21, 2013

SENATOR MENSCH, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS  
AMENDED, APRIL 29, 2014

## 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] Amputee and 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 amputee  
12 and paralyzed veteran shall be paid a pension of \$150 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.

17 (b) Regulations.--The Adjutant General shall promulgate such

1 regulations as may be necessary to implement this program.

2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section the term "amputee  
3 and paralyzed veteran" means any person who served in the  
4 military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's  
5 organization officially connected therewith, and who gave this  
6 Commonwealth as his or her place of residence at the time of  
7 entering the military or naval forces of the United States and  
8 who, while performing duties connected with such service,  
9 suffered an injury or incurred a disease which resulted in the  
10 loss or [loss of use of two or more extremities.] the permanent  
11 and severe or complete paralysis of two or more limbs, or being <--  
12 defined as having a disability compensation rating of 40% or <--  
13 higher in two or more limbs AT LEAST TWO LIMBS WITH A 40% <--  
14 DISABILITY COMPENSATION RATING OR HIGHER IN EACH LIMB as  
15 determined and certified by the United States Department of  
16 Veterans Affairs. The term does not include any person separated  
17 from the military or naval forces of the United States[, or any <--  
18 woman's organization officially connected therewith,] under <--  
19 other than honorable conditions.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.