

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 194

PRINTER NO. 79

AMOUNT

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FUND

Political Subdivision Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

January 19, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Pennycuik

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 194 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to exclude Veterans Affairs Aid and Attendance benefits from the calculation of annual income when fixing uniform and equitable standards under the Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption program.

The legislation amends section 8904 (relating to duty of commission) to clarify that the State Veterans' Commission may not consider aid and attendance benefits received by an individual as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when fixing uniform and equitable standards for determining the need for exemption from the payment of real estate taxes.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, there are currently 210 Pennsylvania veterans who are 100% permanently and totally disabled, receiving Special Monthly Compensation for Aid and Attendance.

According to the latest data (2022) from the American Community Survey, the statewide average property tax in Pennsylvania for owner-occupied households is \$3,739. This includes all forms of property tax (school, county and municipal). Enactment of this legislation will result in a loss of property tax revenue by counties and municipalities in the amount of \$785,000 if all 210 veterans became qualified and apply for the Real Estate Tax Exemption program.