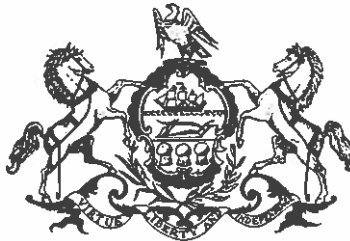


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman
DATE: January 11, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-Sponsor Memo - Exempt Veterans' Benefits from Income Eligibility Calculations for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program (Former HB 1578)

In the near future, I will be reintroducing legislation from last session that would exempt all veterans' benefits from the definition of income for the purpose of determining eligibility for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

Current law includes veterans' benefits, such as veterans' disability payments, as income when determining eligibility for this program. When the legislature authorized certain benefits for veterans because of their service to our country, it was intended to honor them for their sacrifice. Unfortunately, it sometimes results in disqualifying them for other programs, like the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. I am introducing this legislation to right this wrong by ensuring no veterans' benefit, from whatever source, is counted as income for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program.

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