

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

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 veteran" means any person who served in the military or naval
8 forces of the United States, or any woman's organization
9 officially connected therewith, [during an established war or
10 armed conflict service dates,] and who gave this Commonwealth as
11 his or her place of residence at the time of entering the
12 military or naval forces of the United States [and is currently
13 a resident of this Commonwealth] and who, while performing
14 duties connected with [that] such service, suffered an injury or
15 incurred a disease which resulted in the loss or loss of use of
16 two or more extremities. The term does not include any person
17 separated from the military or naval forces of the United
18 States, or any woman's organization officially connected
19 therewith, under other than honorable conditions. [The term
20 shall include persons who have been paralyzed as a result of
21 peacetime combat-related actions as defined by the Department of
22 Military Affairs. The department shall, by regulation, establish
23 criteria to determine eligibility based on participation in a
24 peacetime combat-related situation, which shall include, but not
25 be limited to, hostile fire or terrorist attack.]

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.