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JULY 17, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JULY 17, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for persons with military service-
3 connected disabilities to receive vehicle sales tax
4 exemptions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby resolves as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
8 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

9 That section 2 of Article VIII be amended by adding a
10 subsection to read:

11 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

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13 (d) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served
14 in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was

1 engaged and were honorably discharged or released under
2 honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt
3 from the payment of all vehicular sales tax by the said citizens
4 and residents of this Commonwealth imposed by the Commonwealth
5 if, as a result of military service, they are blind, paraplegic
6 or double or quadruple amputees or have a service-connected
7 disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration
8 or its successor to be a total or 100% permanent disability, and
9 if the State Veterans' Commission determines that such persons
10 are in need of the tax exemptions granted in this subsection.
11 This exemption shall be extended to the unmarried surviving
12 spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran provided that the
13 State Veterans' Commission determines that such person is in
14 need of the exemption.

15 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
16 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
17 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
18 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
19 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
20 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
21 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
22 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

23 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
24 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
25 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
26 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
27 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
28 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
29 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
30 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the

1 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
2 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
3 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
4 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
5 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
6 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
7 passed by the General Assembly.