

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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C. WILLIAMS, WONDERLING AND WOZNIAK, MAY 5, 2008

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MAY 5, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for blind veterans'
3 pensions and for paralyzed veterans' pensions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Sections 7701(b) and 7702(a) of Title 51 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 7701. Blind veteran's pension.

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10 (b) Amount and eligibility.--

11 (1) In addition to any other assistance provided by the
12 Commonwealth and in addition to any compensation provided by
13 the Federal Government, every blind veteran shall be paid a
14 pension of [\$150] \$200 per month.

15 (2) The monthly pension shall be adjusted on a biennial
16 basis equal to the level of change in the Consumer Price

1 Index in the preceding two-year period. The change shall take
2 effect with the first payment in the fiscal year. Public
3 notice of the revision shall be published by the department
4 as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to taking
5 effect. Applications for such pensions shall be made to and
6 in the form prescribed by the department. The Adjutant
7 General shall have the power, and it shall be his duty to
8 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension,
9 and his decision in the matter shall be final.

10 § 7702. Paralyzed veteran's pension.

11 (a) Amount and eligibility.--

12 (1) In addition to any other assistance provided by the
13 Commonwealth and in addition to any compensation provided by
14 the Federal Government, every paralyzed veteran shall be paid
15 a pension of [~~\$150~~] \$200 per month.

16 (2) The monthly pension shall be adjusted on a biennial
17 basis equal to the level of change in the Consumer Price
18 Index in the preceding two-year period. The change shall take
19 effect with the first payment in the fiscal year. Public
20 notice of the revision shall be published by the department
21 as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to taking
22 effect. Applications for the pensions shall be made to and in
23 the form prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General
24 shall determine the eligibility of every applicant for a
25 pension, and his decision in the matter shall be final.

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27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.