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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1031 Session of  
2011

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INTRODUCED BY SOLOBAY, COSTA, FONTANA, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE,  
ERICKSON, BREWSTER, FARNESE, GREENLEAF, MENSCH, RAFFERTY,  
WASHINGTON, D. WHITE AND YUDICHAK, MAY 16, 2011

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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MAY 16,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for blind veteran's  
3 pension.

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

6 Section 1. Section 7701 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 7701. Blind veteran's pension.

9 (a) Definition.--As used in this section the term "blind  
10 veteran" shall mean any person who served in the military or  
11 naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization  
12 officially connected therewith, at any time, and who gave the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as his or her place of residence  
14 at the time of entering the military or naval forces of the  
15 United States, and who while performing duties connected with  
16 such service suffered an injury or incurred a disease which  
17 resulted in blindness to the extent that he or she has 3/60 or

1 10/200 or less normal vision. The term "blind veteran" shall not  
2 include any person separated from the military or naval forces  
3 of the United States, or any woman's organization officially  
4 connected therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

5 (b) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other  
6 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any  
7 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every blind  
8 veteran shall be paid a pension of [~~\$150~~] \$200 per month.

9 Applications for such pensions shall be made to and in the form  
10 prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall have  
11 the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility  
12 of every applicant for a pension, and his decision in the matter  
13 shall be final.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.