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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 495 Session of  
2015

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INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BROWBLEE, CONKLIN, DeLUCA, DONATUCCI,  
FRANKEL, GIBBONS, GILLEN, HARKINS, A. HARRIS, KOTIK, MAHONEY,  
MATZIE, McNEILL, MURT, O'BRIEN, RAPP, READSHAW, SCHWEYER,  
THOMAS AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veterans' pensions and benefits,  
3 further providing for blind veteran's pension and for amputee  
4 and paralyzed veteran's pension.

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

7 Section 1. Section 7701(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 7701. Blind veteran's pension.

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11 (b) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other  
12 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any  
13 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every blind  
14 veteran shall be paid a pension of [\$150] \$200 per month.  
15 Applications for such pensions shall be made to and in the form  
16 prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall have  
17 the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility

1 of every applicant for a pension, and his decision in the matter  
2 shall be final.

3 Section 2. Section 7702 of Title 51, amended October 22,  
4 2014 (P.L.2838, No.180), is amended to read:

5 § 7702. Amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

6 (a) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other  
7 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any  
8 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every amputee  
9 and paralyzed veteran shall be paid a pension of [~~\$150~~] \$200 per  
10 month. Applications for the pensions shall be made to and in the  
11 form prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall  
12 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and  
13 his decision in the matter shall be final.

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15 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.