
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 687 Session of
2015

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MARCH 3, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 3, 2015

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

1 the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility
2 of every applicant for a pension, and his decision in the matter
3 shall be final.

4 Section 2. Section 7702(a) of Title 51, amended October 22,
5 2014 (P.L.2838, No.180), is amended to read:

6 § 7702. Amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

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

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16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.