

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of
3 veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth
4 programs.

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

7 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

9 CHAPTER 98

10 VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENT EXCLUSION

11 Sec.

12 9801. Definitions.

13 9802. Exclusion.

14 § 9801. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 "Commonwealth program." A program administered by the  
3 Commonwealth that requires, as a condition for eligibility, the  
4 inclusion of an individual's income.

5 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States  
6 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard,  
7 and who was discharged from that service under conditions other  
8 than dishonorable.

9 "Veterans' benefit payment." Compensation or payment  
10 received by a veteran that is directly related to or the result  
11 of the veteran's service-connected disability as determined by  
12 the United States Veterans Administration.

13 § 9802. Exclusion.

14 (a) General rule.--One hundred percent of a veterans'  
15 benefit payment may NOT be included as income for any  
16 Commonwealth program.

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17 (b) Extension to spouses.--The exclusion under this section  
18 shall apply to an unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of a  
19 veteran for any compensation or payment the unmarried surviving  
20 spouse is entitled to receive.

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