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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, AUGUST 30, 2019

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 99

10 VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENT EXCLUSION

11 Sec.

12 9901. Definitions.

13 9902. Exclusion.

14 § 9901. 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
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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

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

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

12 § 9902. Exclusion.

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

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

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