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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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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. Sections 7701(b) and 7702(a) of Title 51 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are 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 § 7702. Amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

5 (a) 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 amputee  
8 and paralyzed veteran shall be paid a pension of [~~\$150~~] \$200 per  
9 month. Applications for the pensions shall be made to and in the  
10 form prescribed by the department. The Adjutant General shall  
11 determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and  
12 his decision in the matter shall be final.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.