

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1220 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY GREGORY, PISCIOTTANO, BURGOS, CIRESI, DELLOSO, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, JAMES, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MENTZER, MILLARD, PICKETT, POLINCHOCK, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SCHMITT, SCHWEYER, MERCURI, DEASY, GILLEN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, A. BROWN, MIZGORSKI, WEBSTER AND MAJOR, APRIL 20, 2021

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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~~ \$250 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. THE AMOUNT OF THE PENSION SHALL BE INCREASED <--
3 BIENNIALLY, ON JANUARY 1, BY THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE INCREASE, IF
4 ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)
5 FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE AND MARYLAND AREA FOR
6 THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH FIGURES ARE OFFICIALLY
7 REPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF
8 LABOR STATISTICS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT NOTICE OF ANY
9 BIENNIAL INCREASE TO THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU FOR
10 PUBLICATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN.

11 § 7702. Amputee and paralyzed veteran's pension.

12 (a) Amount and eligibility.--In addition to any other
13 assistance provided by the Commonwealth and in addition to any
14 compensation provided by the Federal Government, every amputee
15 and paralyzed veteran shall be paid a pension of [~~\$150~~ ~~\$200~~ <--
16 ~~\$250~~ per month. Applications for the pensions shall be made to <--
17 and in the form prescribed by the department. The Adjutant
18 General shall determine the eligibility of every applicant for a
19 pension, and his decision in the matter shall be final. THE <--
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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.