



# Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

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Bill	Sponsor	Subject	Summary
SB 464	Rafferty	Constitutional Amendment	Removes the Financial Need qualification from the program.
SB 708	Smith	Title 51 (Military Affairs) – Chapter 89 (Disabled Veterans’ Real Estate Exemption)	Amends Title 51/Military Affairs by changing the criteria for calculating financial need. Under current law, income is defined as all income including Social Security income and Railroad Retirement benefits. The bill changes the definition of "income" to mirror the Senior Citizen Property Tax Rent Rebate program - by exempting 50% of Social Security income and 50% of Railroad Retirement benefits. The bill also changes the "rebuttable presumption" for anyone making below \$75,000.
SB 744	Leach	Title 51 (Military Affairs) – Chapter 89 (Disabled Veterans’ Real Estate Exemption)	Adds a new section providing veterans with a service-connected disability a property tax deduction based on the proportion of their disability – with a minimum 10% disability.
SB 996	Tartaglione	Title 51 (Military Affairs) – Chapter 89 (Disabled Veterans’ Real Estate Exemption)	Amends Title 51/Military Affairs by changing the criteria for calculating financial need. Under current law, income is defined as all income including Social Security income and Railroad Retirement benefits. The bill changes the definition of "income" to mirror the Senior Citizen Property Tax Rent Rebate program - by exempting 50% of Social Security income and 50% of Railroad Retirement benefits. The bill also changes the "rebuttable presumption" for anyone making below \$75,000.
SB 1039	Vulakovich	Constitutional Amendment	Lowers the threshold 50 percent disability - and bases the tax deduction on the percent disabled.
HB 206	Murt	Constitutional Amendment	Provides lifetime exemption from the payment of real estate taxes for ANY service connected disabled veterans – eliminates 100% disability requirement - eliminates financial needs qualification.
HB 1473	Boback	Title 51 (Military Affairs) – Chapter 98 (Veterans’ Benefit Payment Exclusion)	Defines “veterans’ compensation benefit” – provides that only 50% of veterans’ compensation benefits can be used to determine a veteran’s eligibility for Commonwealth benefit programs, such as tax and fee exemptions, or rebates - extends the exclusion of the veteran’s compensation benefits to the veteran’s unmarried surviving spouse.
HB 1502	Snyder	Title 51 (Military Affairs) – Chapter 89 (Disabled Veterans’ Real Estate Exemption)	Adds a new section providing veterans with a service-connected disability a property tax deduction based on the proportion of their disability – with a minimum 10% disability.

