

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RED LION HOTEL, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 17, 2021**

Resolution No. 1123

Submitted by: Michele Deems
District 25 Commander

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Property Tax Exemption Program for Disabled Veterans provides real estate tax exemption for any honorably discharged veteran who has a total or 100% permanent service-connected disability rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The real estate tax exemption applies also to any honorably discharged veteran who, as a result of their military service, is blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two or more limbs; and

WHEREAS, The veteran must also be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The veteran must occupy the real estate as their principal dwelling; and

WHEREAS, The dwelling must be owned solely by the veteran or as an estate in the entirety; and

WHEREAS, The veteran must prove financial need according to criteria established by the State Veterans Commission; and

WHEREAS, There are instances where the 100% disabled veteran is the spouse of the sole individual listed on the deed who may not be a 100% disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, Therefore, the real estate tax exemption is not available to the property, even though the married couple's finances are co-mingled; and

WHEREAS, Any obligation to one spouse is an obligation to both spouses; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Pennsylvania Department Executive Committee of The American Legion in a regular meeting assembled at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 2021, to petition the Pennsylvania General Assembly to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to extend the property tax exemption to a 100% disabled veteran spouse of an individual named on the property deed.

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