

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA
105th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
THE HILTON, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 18 – 21, 2024**

Resolution No. 105-2

Submitted by: District 31
Western Section

WHEREAS, The state of Pennsylvania has a benefit for tax exemptions for veterans in accordance with requirements for tax exemption as defined in Title 43 Chapter 5 Subchapter C Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption Program; and

WHEREAS, The requirements are a rating of 100 percent permanent service-connected disability, total disability individual un-employability, or service-connected blindness, paraplegia or loss of two or more limbs as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Applicants must also show financial need and applicants with an annual income of \$108,046 or less are given a presumption of need for the exemption; and

WHEREAS, The applicant whose gross annual income exceeds \$108,046 will be considered to have a financial need for the exemption when their allowable monthly expenses exceed monthly household income; and

WHEREAS, The applicant's monthly household expenses must be verified with supporting documentation and will be calculated to include a cost-of-living allowance; and

WHEREAS, The commonwealth predefining any net income that is less than the amount of \$108,046 to be a financial burden on the above defined class of veterans; and

WHEREAS, States such as Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia have similar no income limitation exemption rules; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, **That The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania meeting in regular convention session, at the 105th Annual Department Convention July 18 – 21, 2024 at the Hilton Harrisburg, PA, petition the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to eliminate the income limitations on tax exemption as defined in Title 43 Chapter 5 Subchapter C Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption Program; and be it finally**

RESOLVED, **A copy of this resolution be sent to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Congress members, State Senators and Representatives, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor of Pennsylvania.**

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