

Legislative Analysis



DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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House Bill 5565 as introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Nate Shannon

Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5565 would amend the General Property Tax Act to allow a disabled veteran to make a single filing for a tax exemption for the year in which the veteran acquired the property and the following year.

Currently under the act, real property owned and used as a homestead by a *disabled veteran* who was discharged from the United States Armed Forces under honorable conditions is exempt from the collection of property taxes under the act. If a qualified disabled veteran dies, the veteran's spouse can continue to claim the exemption unless they remarry. The exemption is obtained by filing an affidavit with the supervisor or assessing officer during that period beginning with the tax day for each year and ending at the time of the final adjournment of the local board of review.

The bill would add an exception to provide that, for taxes levied in the year in which the property owner first acquired the property and the immediately succeeding year, a single filing could be made and would have to be considered timely if it were made no later than the time of the final adjournment of the local board of review in the year immediately succeeding the year in which the last of those taxes were levied.

The act defines *disabled veteran* as a person who is a Michigan resident and who meets one of the following:

- The person has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.
- The person has a certificate from the VA certifying that the person is receiving or has received financial assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.
- The person has been rated by the VA as individually unemployable.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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