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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-81g of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 (a) Effective for the assessment year commencing October 1, 1985,
4 and each assessment year thereafter, any person entitled to an
5 exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision [(19),]
6 (20), (21), (22), (23), (24), (25) or (26) of section 12-81, reflecting any
7 increase made pursuant to the provisions of section 12-62g, shall be
8 entitled to an additional exemption from such tax in an amount equal
9 to twice the amount of the exemption provided for such person
10 pursuant to any such subdivision, provided such person's qualifying
11 income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided
12 under section 12-81l, except that if such person has a disability rating
13 of one hundred per cent as determined by the Veterans'
14 Administration of the United States, the total of such adjusted gross
15 income, individually, if unmarried, or jointly, if married, in the
16 calendar year ending immediately preceding the assessment date with
17 respect to which such additional exemption is allowed, is not more

18 than twenty-one thousand dollars if such person is married or not
19 more than eighteen thousand dollars if such person is not married.
20 Effective for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2006, and
21 each assessment year thereafter, any person entitled to an exemption
22 from property tax in accordance with subdivision (19) of section 12-81
23 reflecting any increase made pursuant to the provisions of section 12-
24 62g, shall be entitled to an additional exemption from such tax in an
25 amount equal to five times the amount of the exemption provided for
26 such person pursuant to said subdivision. Any claimant who, for the
27 purpose of obtaining an exemption under this section, wilfully fails to
28 disclose all matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes any
29 false statement shall forfeit the right to claim such additional veteran's
30 exemption.

31 (b) Effective for the assessment year commencing October 1, 1986,
32 and each assessment year thereafter, any person entitled to an
33 exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision (19), (20),
34 (21), (22), (23), (24), (25) or (26) of section 12-81, reflecting any increase
35 made pursuant to the provisions of section 12-62g, and who is not
36 receiving or is not eligible to receive the additional exemption under
37 subsection (a) of this section, shall be entitled to an additional
38 exemption from such tax in an amount equal to one-half of the amount
39 of the exemption provided for such person pursuant to any such
40 subdivision.

41 (c) The state shall reimburse each town, city, borough, consolidated
42 town and city and consolidated town and borough by the last day of
43 each calendar year in which exemptions were granted to the extent of
44 the revenue loss represented by the additional exemptions provided
45 for in subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary of the Office of Policy
46 and Management shall review each claim for such revenue loss as
47 provided in section 12-120b. Any claimant aggrieved by the results of
48 the secretary's review shall have the rights of appeal as set forth in
49 section 12-120b. In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2003, and in each
50 fiscal year thereafter, the amount payable to each municipality in

51 accordance with this section shall be reduced proportionately in the
52 event that the total amount payable to all municipalities exceeds the
53 amount appropriated.

54 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
55 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
56 establishing: (1) A procedure under which a municipality shall
57 determine eligibility for the additional exemption under subsection (a)
58 of this section, provided such procedure shall include a provision that
59 when an applicant has filed for such exemption and received approval
60 for the first time, such applicant shall be required to file for such
61 exemption biennially thereafter, subject to the provisions of subsection
62 (e) of this section; (2) the manner in which a municipality shall apply
63 for reimbursement from the state for the revenue loss represented by
64 the additional exemptions provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of
65 this section, which shall provide a penalty for late filing of such
66 application for reimbursement of two hundred fifty dollars but shall
67 also provide that the secretary may waive such forfeiture in
68 accordance with procedures and standards contained in such
69 regulations; and (3) the manner in which the Office of Policy and
70 Management may audit and make adjustments to applications for
71 reimbursement from municipalities for a period of not more than one
72 year next succeeding the deadline for such application.

73 (e) Any person who has submitted application and been approved
74 in any year for the additional exemption under subsection (a) of this
75 section shall, in the year immediately following approval, be presumed
76 to be qualified for such exemption. If, in the year immediately
77 following approval, such person has qualifying income in excess of the
78 maximum allowed under said subsection (a), such person shall notify
79 the tax assessor in the town allowing the additional exemption on or
80 before the next filing date for such exemption and shall be denied such
81 exemption for the assessment year immediately following and for any
82 subsequent year until such person has reapplied and again qualified
83 for such exemption. Any person who fails to notify the tax assessor of

84 such disqualification shall make payment to the town in the amount of
85 property tax loss related to the exemption improperly taken. Not more
86 than thirty days after discovering such person's ineligibility for the
87 exemption, the assessor shall send written notification of such person's
88 identity to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. If any
89 payment was remitted under subsection (c) of this section with respect
90 to a period for which such person was not eligible for the exemption,
91 the amount of the next payment made to the town shall be reduced by
92 the amount of payment made erroneously.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	12-81g

Statement of Purpose:

To raise the base level of the state reimbursed property tax exemption for veterans.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]