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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO ALL VETERANS.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the 2006 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (19) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95,
5 property to the amount of one thousand dollars belonging to, or held
6 in trust for, any resident of this state who [(a)] is a veteran of the armed
7 forces, [in service in time of war, (b) any resident of this state who was
8 a citizen of the United States at the time of his enlistment and who was
9 in the military or naval service of a government allied or associated
10 with that of the United States during the Second World War and
11 received an honorable discharge therefrom, (c) any resident of this
12 state who served during the Second World War as a member of any
13 armed force of any government signatory to the United Nations
14 Declaration of January 1, 1942, and participated in armed conflict with
15 an enemy of the United States and who has been a citizen of the United
16 States for at least ten years and presents satisfactory evidence of such

17 service, (d) any resident of this state who served as a member of the
 18 crew of a merchant vessel during the Second World War and is
 19 qualified with respect to such service as a member of the group known
 20 as the "American Merchant Marine in ocean-going service during the
 21 period of armed conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945",
 22 members of which are deemed to be eligible for certain veterans
 23 benefits under a determination in the United States Department of
 24 Defense, as recorded in the Federal Register of February 1, 1988,
 25 provided such resident has received an armed forces discharge
 26 certificate from the Department of Defense on the basis of such service,
 27 (e) any member of the armed forces who was in service in time of war
 28 and is still in the service and by reason of continuous service has not as
 29 yet received a discharge, (f) any person who is retired from the armed
 30 forces after thirty years of service because he has reached the age limit
 31 prescribed by law or because he suffers from mental or physical
 32 disability, or (g) any person who is serving in the armed services in
 33 time of war;] or lacking said amount of property in his own name, so
 34 much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, his spouse, who
 35 is domiciled with him, as is necessary to equal said amount. For the
 36 purposes of this subdivision, "veteran", and "armed forces" [and
 37 "service in time of war"] have the same meaning as in section 27-103.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	12-81(19)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the application of the property tax exemption to all veterans, not just those who have served in time of war.

[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.]