



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 144**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5405

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2024*

The Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs reported through REP. NOLAN of the 39th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VETERANS.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study the provision of additional property tax exemptions for
- 3 veterans, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes.
  
- 4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
  
- 5 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
  
- 6 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
  
- 7 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
- 8 Representatives;
  
- 9 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

10 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

13 (7) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, or the commissioner's  
14 designee;

15 (8) The Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General's designee; and

16 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
17 secretary's designee.

18 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
19 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
20 of the General Assembly.

21 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
22 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
23 be filled by the appointing authority.

24 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
25 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
26 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
27 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
28 days after the effective date of this section.

29 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and  
31 veterans' affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

32 (g) Not later than January 1, 2025, the task force shall submit a report  
33 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
34 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military  
35 and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
36 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
37 submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There is no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities to establish a task force to study providing an exemption from the payment of all property taxes for veterans with a Permanently and Totally Disabled rating, as the task force members have expertise in the subject area.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/14/2024)