

# SENATE BILL No. 723

December 12, 2017, Introduced by Senators HANSEN, CASPERSON, BOOHER, MARLEAU, ZORN, KNOLLENBERG, EMMONS, GREGORY, WARREN, ANANICH, BIEDA, HOPGOOD, HOOD and NOFS and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7b (MCL 211.7b), as amended by 2013 PA 161.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 7b. (1) Real property used and owned as a homestead by a  
2 disabled veteran who was discharged from the ~~armed forces~~ **ARMED**  
3 **FORCES** of the United States under honorable conditions or by an  
4 individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the  
5 collection of taxes under this act. To obtain the exemption, **THE**  
6 **PROPERTY OWNER OR HIS OR HER LEGAL DESIGNEE SHALL FILE** an affidavit  
7 showing the facts required by this section and a description of the  
8 real property ~~shall be filed by the property owner or his or her~~  
9 ~~legal designee~~ with the supervisor or other assessing officer

1 during the period beginning with the tax day for each year and  
2 ending at the time of the final adjournment of the local board of  
3 review. The affidavit when filed shall be open to inspection. The  
4 county treasurer shall cancel taxes subject to collection under  
5 this act for any year in which a disabled veteran eligible for the  
6 exemption under this section has acquired title to real property  
7 exempt under this section. Upon granting the exemption under this  
8 section, each local taxing unit shall, **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (3),**  
9 bear the loss of its portion of the taxes upon which the exemption  
10 has been granted.

11 (2) If a disabled veteran who is otherwise eligible for the  
12 exemption under this section dies, either before or after the  
13 exemption under this section is granted, the exemption ~~shall remain~~  
14 **REMAINS** available to or ~~shall continue~~ **CONTINUES** for his or her  
15 unremarried surviving spouse. The surviving spouse shall comply  
16 with the requirements of subsection (1) and shall indicate on the  
17 affidavit that he or she is the surviving spouse of a disabled  
18 veteran entitled to the exemption under this section. The exemption  
19 ~~shall continue~~ **CONTINUES** as long as the surviving spouse remains  
20 unremarried.

21 (3) **THE LEGISLATURE SHALL, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, ANNUALLY**  
22 **APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO LOCAL**  
23 **TAXING UNITS TO FULLY COMPENSATE THOSE LOCAL TAXING UNITS FOR ANY**  
24 **LOSS OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCURRED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017 AS A**  
25 **RESULT OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

26 (4) ~~(3)~~ As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a  
27 person who is a resident of this state and who meets 1 of the

1 following criteria:

2 (a) Has been determined by the United States ~~department~~  
3 **DEPARTMENT** of ~~veterans affairs~~**VETERANS AFFAIRS** to be permanently  
4 and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled  
5 to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.

6 (b) Has a certificate from the United States ~~veterans'~~  
7 ~~administration, or its successors,~~**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
8 certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary  
9 assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.

10 (c) Has been rated by the United States ~~department~~**DEPARTMENT**  
11 of ~~veterans affairs~~**VETERANS AFFAIRS** as individually unemployable.