

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 363

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
4 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the exclusion of
5 veterans' benefit payments from income for Commonwealth
6 programs.

7 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 5 through 17; page 2, lines 1
8 through 8; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
9 inserting

10 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

12 CHAPTER 99

13 VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENT EXCLUSION

14 Sec.

15 9901. Definitions.

16 9902. Exclusion.

17 § 9901. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

21 "Commonwealth program." A program administered by the
22 Commonwealth that requires, as a condition for eligibility, the
23 inclusion of an individual's income.

24 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States
25 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard,
26 and who was discharged or released from that service under
27 conditions other than dishonorable.

28 "Veterans' benefit payment." Compensation or payment
29 received by a veteran that is directly related to or the result
30 of the veteran's service-connected disability as determined by
31 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or benefits
32 provided to a veteran by a Commonwealth agency or authorized
33 under the laws of this Commonwealth.

34 § 9902. Exclusion.

35 (a) General rule.--One hundred percent of a veterans'

1 benefit payment may not be included as income for any
2 Commonwealth program.

3 (b) Extension to spouses.--The exclusion under this section
4 shall apply to an unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of a
5 veteran for any compensation or payment the unmarried surviving
6 spouse is entitled to receive.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.