

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to tax exemption for disabled ex-
 3 servicemembers; amending s. 196.24, F.S.; increasing
 4 the value of a tax exemption for certain disabled ex-
 5 servicemembers; providing an effective date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 9 **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 196.24, Florida**
 10 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

11 196.24 Exemption for disabled ex-servicemember or
 12 surviving spouse; evidence of disability.—

13 (1) Any ex-servicemember, as defined in s. 196.012, who is
 14 a bona fide resident of the state, who was discharged under
 15 honorable conditions, and who has been disabled to a degree of
 16 10 percent or more by misfortune or while serving during a
 17 period of wartime service as defined in s. 1.01(14) is entitled
 18 to the exemption from taxation provided for in s. 3(b), Art. VII
 19 of the State Constitution as provided in this section. Property
 20 to the value of \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ of such a person is exempt from
 21 taxation. The production by him or her of a certificate of
 22 disability from the United States Government or the United
 23 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor before
 24 the property appraiser of the county wherein the ex-
 25 servicemember's property lies is prima facie evidence of the

26 | fact that he or she is entitled to the exemption. The
27 | unremarried surviving spouse of such a disabled ex-servicemember
28 | is also entitled to the exemption.

29 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.