

HOUSE BILL No. 1159

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-3-2-6.

Synopsis: Renter's tax deduction for disabled veterans. Allows a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling as a principal place of residence to claim an additional renter's deduction of up to \$3,000 from the disabled veteran's adjusted gross income.

Effective: January 1, 2026.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2020,
2 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Each taxable year, an individual who
4 rents a dwelling for use as the individual's principal place of residence
5 may deduct from the individual's adjusted gross income (as defined in
6 IC 6-3-1-3.5(a)), the lesser of:
7 (1) the amount of rent paid by the individual with respect to the
8 dwelling during the taxable year; or
9 (2) three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
10 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a):
11 (1) a married couple filing a joint return for a particular taxable
12 year may not claim a deduction under ~~this section subsection (a)~~
13 of more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and
14 (2) a married individual filing a separate return for a particular
15 taxable year may not claim a deduction under ~~this section~~
16 **subsection (a)** of more than one thousand five hundred dollars
17 (\$1,500).



1 (c) Each taxable year, an individual who is a disabled veteran
 2 and claims a deduction under subsection (a) for the taxable year
 3 may deduct an additional amount from the individual's adjusted
 4 gross income equal to the lesser of:

5 (1) the product of:

6 (A) the amount of the deduction granted under subsection
 7 (a); multiplied by

8 (B) the individual's disability rating as determined by the
 9 United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

10 (2) three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

11 (d) If:

12 (1) a married couple files a joint return for the taxable year;
 13 and

14 (2) each spouse has a different disability rating determined by
 15 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

16 the married couple shall use the disability rating of the spouse that
 17 is greater to calculate the amount of the additional deduction
 18 claimed by the married couple under subsection (c).

19 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a married couple filing a
 20 joint return for a taxable year may not claim a deduction under
 21 subsection (c) of more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the
 22 taxable year.

23 (f) The deduction provided by this section does not apply to an
 24 individual who rents a dwelling that is exempt from Indiana property
 25 tax.

26 (g) For purposes of this section, a "dwelling" includes a single
 27 family dwelling and unit of a multi-family dwelling.

28 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026] (a) IC 6-3-2-6, as
 29 amended by this act, applies to taxable years beginning after
 30 December 31, 2025.

31 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2029.

