

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 21, 2013

AN ACT

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

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

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

9 CHAPTER 97

10 VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENT EXCLUSION

11 Sec.

12 9701. Definitions.

13 9702. Exclusion.

14 § 9701. Definitions.

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

1 "Commonwealth program." A program administered by the
2 Commonwealth that requires, as a condition for eligibility, the
3 inclusion of an individual's income.

4 "Veteran." An individual who served in the United States
5 Armed Forces, including a reserve component or National Guard,
6 and who was discharged from that service under conditions other
7 than dishonorable.

8 "Veterans' benefit payment." A service-connected
9 compensation or payment which is earned by an individual as a
10 result of the individual's status as a veteran.

11 § 9702. Exclusion.

12 (A) GENERAL RULE.--Only 50% of a veterans' benefit payment <--
13 may be included as income for any Commonwealth program.

14 (B) EXTENSION TO SPOUSES.--THE EXCLUSION UNDER THIS SECTION <--
15 SHALL APPLY TO AN UNMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSE UPON THE DEATH OF A
16 VETERAN FOR ANY COMPENSATION OR PAYMENT THE UNMARRIED SURVIVING
17 SPOUSE IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE.

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