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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 02/13/2024 House

The Committee on Finance and Tax (Collins) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (287904) (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 63 - 94

and insert:

(g)(1) Each veteran who has received any of the following medals shall receive an exemption up to \$10,000 from the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides thereon if the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service:

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11	a. The Purple Heart.		
12	b. The Medal of Honor.		
13	c. The Navy Cross.		
14	d. The Air Force Cross.		
15	e. The Distinguished Service Cross.		
16	f. The Distinguished Service Medal with Combat V.		
17	g. The Silver Star.		
18	h. The Legion of Merit with Combat V.		
19	i. The Distinguished Flying Cross.		
20	j. The Bronze Star with Combat V.		
21	(2) To qualify for the exemption granted by paragraph (1),		
22	an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by		
23	March 1, a copy of official documentation from the United States		
24	Government of the veteran's receipt of a medal specified in		
25	paragraph (1) and proof of the veteran's honorable discharge. If		
26	the property appraiser denies the request for an exemption, the		
27	appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons		
28	for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature		
29	may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in		
30	subsequent years.		
31	(3) If a veteran who receives the exemption described in		
32	paragraph (1) predeceases his or her spouse, and if, upon the		
33	death of the veteran, the surviving spouse holds the legal or		
34	beneficial title to the homestead property and permanently		
35	resides thereon, the exemption carries over to the surviving		
36	spouse until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes		
37	of the homestead property. If the surviving spouse sells or		
38	otherwise disposes of the property, an exemption not to exceed		
39	the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax		

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roll may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new homestead		
property, if used as his or her permanent residence and he or		
she has not remarried.		
ARTICLE XII		
SCHEDULE		
Ad valorem tax exemption for veteran recipients of certain		
medalsThe amendment to Section 6 of Article VII, relating to		
the ad valorem tax exemption for veterans who have received		
certain medals and their surviving spouses, and		
===== DIRECTORY CLAUSE AMENDMENT ======		
And the directory clause is amended as follows:		
Delete lines 100 - 104		
and insert:		
AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERAN RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN		
MEDALSProposing an amendment to the State Constitution to		
provide a \$10,000 exemption from ad valorem tax on homestead		
property to veterans who have received certain medals. If a		
veteran who has received the exemption		
=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================		
And the title is amended as follows:		
Delete line 114		
and insert:		
recipients of certain medals and their		

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