



FACT SHEET • AB 2314 (Block) Disabled Veterans – Property Tax Exemption

Summary: A disabled veterans' property tax exemption is available to persons with a 100% disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Administration (USDVA). (The exemption is also available to surviving spouses of persons killed in active duty.) The exemption is up to \$175,592 for those with household incomes below \$51,669 and applies to the principal place of residence. This bill would give veterans more time, 90 days up from 30, to file this exemption.

Problem: Over a decade ago, legislation was enacted to allow disabled veterans to receive the full amount of the exemption retroactively once they received a qualifying disability rating with a back dated effective date – but they were only given 30 days to file the claim. However, 30 days are not always enough time for them to do so. There is a huge variety of materials that must be completed in order to make this property tax exemption possible for the veterans and their families. Also, programs and benefits that disabled veterans and their families must sort through after receiving their disability rating can be overwhelming.

Solution: The solution is to extend the 30 days currently in place now to 90 days. Having the time period extended will not only help the veteran be able to do everything that needs to be done on time, but it will also allow them to receive their exemption. This bill would also eliminate references to having a *pending* application with the USDVA which may allow more disabled veterans to receive the exemption retroactively to the effective date of the disability. This is an unnecessary condition and counter to the intent to provide eligible disabled veterans the full amount of the exemption retroactively.

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