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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 144**

Session of  
1977

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. DeMEDIO, GREENFIELD, ARMSTRONG, CASSIDY,  
ZELLER, ZITTEMAN, NOVAK, MISCEVICH, COLE, LOGUE, TRELLO,  
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FEBRUARY 8, 1977

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JULY 6, 1977

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, exempting totally and permanently disabled  
3 veterans from payment of real property taxes in certain  
4 cases.

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

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with  
9 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

10 That subsection (c) of section 2, Article VIII be amended to  
11 read:

12 § 2. Exemptions and special provisions.--\* \* \*

13 (c) Citizens and residents of this Commonwealth, who served  
14 in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was  
15 engaged and were honorably discharged or released under  
16 honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt  
17 from the payment of all real property taxes upon the residence

1 occupied by the said citizens and residents of this Commonwealth  
2 imposed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its  
3 political subdivisions if, as a result of military service, they  
4 are blind, paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees or have a  
5 service-connected disability declared by the United States  
6 Veterans' Administration or its successor to be a total or 100%  
7 permanent disability, and if the State Veterans' Commission  
8 determines that such persons are in need of the tax exemptions  
9 granted herein.

10 SECTION 2. THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE <—  
11 SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE  
12 COMMONWEALTH, AT THE PRIMARY, MUNICIPAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION  
13 NEXT HELD AFTER THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE XI,  
14 SECTION 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
15 PENNSYLVANIA HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.