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Veteran Property Tax Exemption Guide



What is a Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption?

A property tax exemption for disabled veterans on real property used and owned as a homestead. This only applies to a parent parcel, not adjacent parcels.

Who is Eligible for this Exemption

A disabled veteran or a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran as long as the spouse does not remarry. The surviving spouse can use this on property acquired after decedent's death so long as its used as a homestead.

Defining a Disabled Veteran

A disabled veteran meets one of the following criteria from the United States Veteran Affairs:

1. A rate of 100% disabled
2. Certificate that veteran received or is receiving specially adapted housing.
3. Has been rated as individually unemployable.

Does this Exemption apply to Special Assessments?

This exemption applies to property taxes only. Special assessments, fees, and liens are not exempt.

Application Process

Submit state form 5107 with a copy of your annual benefit letter and any other documentation received from the United States Veterans Affairs Department to the local assessor. The local unit only has the ability to apply the exemption to the current tax year only. If delinquent taxes are owed, they need to be paid prior to foreclosure.

Appeals Process

If your veteran tax exemption has been denied by your local assessor an appeal must be filed with the Michigan State Tax Tribunal Small Claims division within 30 days. This petition can be electronically filed.

Changes In the Law

Senate Bills (SB) 176, 330, and 364 were signed into law on October 19, 2023 and were assigned Public Acts (PA) 150, 151, and 152 amending MCL 211.7b. SB 176 provides that the exemption will continue for the unremarried surviving spouse. It also provides beginning on January 1, 2025 a single filing to hold your tax exemption for each year going forward.

SB 330 (PA 151) creates MCL 211.7c. This contains provisions for continuation of an exemption granted unless rescinded or denied by the assessor.