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Governor Snyder recently signed into law P.A. 161 of 2013. This Act amends MCL 211.7b regarding Veterans Exemptions to read as follows:

Sec. 7b. (1) Real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or by an individual described in subsection (2) is exempt from the collection of taxes under this act. To obtain the exemption, an affidavit showing the facts required by this section and a description of the real property shall be filed by the property owner or his or her legal designee with the supervisor or other assessing officer during the period beginning with the tax day for each year and ending at the time of the final adjournment of the local board of review. The affidavit when filed shall be open to inspection. The county treasurer shall cancel taxes subject to collection under this act for any year in which a disabled veteran eligible for the exemption under this section has acquired title to real property exempt under this section. Upon granting the exemption under this section, each local taxing unit shall bear the loss of its portion of the taxes upon which the exemption has been granted.

(2) If a disabled veteran who is otherwise eligible for the exemption under this section dies, either before or after the exemption under this section is granted, the exemption shall remain available to or shall continue for his or her unremarried surviving spouse. The surviving spouse shall comply with the requirements of subsection (1) and shall indicate on the affidavit that he or she is the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran entitled to the exemption under this section. The exemption shall continue as long as the surviving spouse remains unremarried.

(3) As used in this section, "disabled veteran" means a person who is a resident of this state and who meets 1 of the following criteria:

- (a) Has been determined by the United States department of veterans affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.
- (b) Has a certificate from the United States veterans' administration, or its successors, certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing.
- (c) Has been rated by the United States department of veterans affairs as individually unemployable.

The purpose of this communication is to make Assessors and Equalization Directors aware of this new Act and to provide some basic guidance. The State Tax Commission will issue additional guidance following their December meeting.

## State Tax Commission Affidavit for Disabled Veterans Exemption

Issued under authority of Public Act 161 of 2013, MCL 211.7b. Filing is mandatory.

**Instructions:** This form is to be used to apply for an exemption of property taxes under MCL 211.7b, for real property used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the United States under honorable conditions or his or her unremarried surviving spouse. The property owner, or his or her legal designee, must annually file the Affidavit with the supervisor or assessing officer after December 31 and before the Tuesday following the second Monday in December.

<b>OWNER INFORMATION</b> (Enter information for the disabled veteran or unremarried surviving spouse)		
Owner's Name		Owner's Telephone Number
Owner's Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>LEGAL DESIGNEE INFORMATION</b> (Complete if applicable)		
Legal Designee Name		Daytime Telephone Number
Mailing Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>HOMESTEAD PROPERTY INFORMATION</b> (Enter information for the property in which the exemption is being claimed)		
City, Township or Village (Check the appropriate box and provide the name) <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village		
County	Name of the Local School District	
Parcel Identification Number	Date the Property was Acquired (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Homestead Property Address		
City	State	ZIP Code
<b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b> (Check all boxes that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a disabled veteran, or the legal designee of the disabled veteran, who was discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States of America with a service connected disability.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am the unremarried surviving spouse, or the legal designee of the unremarried surviving spouse, of a disabled veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States of America with a service connected disability.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Michigan resident.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I own the property in which the exemption is being claimed and it is used as my homestead. Homestead is generally defined as any dwelling with its land and buildings where a family makes its home.		
<b>AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY</b> (Check the appropriate box and provide a copy of the required documentation)		
<input type="checkbox"/> The disabled veteran has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate (must attach a copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<input type="checkbox"/> The disabled veteran is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing (must attach a copy of the certificate from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<input type="checkbox"/> The veteran has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable (must attach a copy of the letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).		
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>		
<i>I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this Affidavit is true and I am eligible to receive the disabled veteran's exemption from property taxes pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law, Section 211.7b.</i>		
Printed Name of Owner or Legal Designee		Title of Signatory
Signature of Owner or Legal Designee		Date

DESIGNEE MUST ATTACH LETTER OF AUTHORITY