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SYNOPSIS

Requires State reimbursement to municipalities of cost of disabled veterans' total property tax exemption.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the disabled veterans' total property tax
2 exemption and amending R.S.54:4-52 and supplementing chapter
3 4 of Title 54 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. (New section) The State shall annually reimburse each
9 taxing district in an amount equal to 102 percent of the amount of
10 any disabled veterans' total property tax exemptions permitted by
11 that taxing district in the current tax year pursuant to section 1 of
12 P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30).

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14 2. (New section) On or before June 1 of each year, each tax
15 assessor shall certify to the county tax board the number of disabled
16 veterans receiving the veterans' total property tax exemption
17 provided for in section 1 of P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30), and the
18 total amount of all such exemptions.

19 On or before June 15 of each year, each county board of taxation
20 shall, on a form prescribed by the director, certify to the director
21 from the tax lists certified with it for each taxing district for the
22 current tax year the following:

23 a. Number of disabled veterans' total property tax exemptions
24 allowed for the current tax year;

25 b. Total dollar amount of disabled veterans' total property tax
26 exemptions allowed for the current tax year;

27 c. Separately, the number and dollar amount of disabled
28 veterans' total property tax exemptions allowed or disallowed, as
29 certified by the tax collector, from the time of certification made the
30 previous year and prior to certification for the current year;

31 d. The totals for a., b., and c. above, by district and for the
32 county as a whole.

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34 3. (New section) For each year, each county board of taxation
35 shall include in the abstract of ratables prepared pursuant to
36 R.S.54:4-52 the full estimated amount of the disabled veterans' total
37 property tax exemptions as provided for in section 1 of P.L.1948,
38 c.259 (C.54:4-3.30), but that amount shall not be included in the
39 total on which the tax rate is to be computed.

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41 4. R.S.54:4-52 is amended to read as follows:

42 54:4-52. The county board of taxation shall, on or before May
43 20, fill out a table of aggregates copied from the duplicates of the
44 several assessors and the certifications of the Director of the
45 Division of Taxation relating to second-class railroad property, and
46 enumerating the following items:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 (1) The total number of acres and lots assessed;
- 2 (2) The value of the land assessed;
- 3 (3) The value of the improvements thereon assessed;
- 4 (4) The total value of the land and improvements assessed,
- 5 including:
- 6 a. Second-class railroad property;
- 7 b. All other real property.
- 8 (5) The value of the personal property assessed, stating in
- 9 separate columns:
- 10 a. Value of household goods and chattels assessed;
- 11 b. Value of farm stock and machinery assessed;
- 12 c. Value of stocks in trade, materials used in manufacture and
- 13 other personal property assessed under section 54:4-11;
- 14 d. Value of all other tangible personal property used in
- 15 business assessed.
- 16 (6) Deductions allowed, stated in separate columns:
- 17 a. Household goods and other exemptions under the provisions
- 18 of section 54:4-3.16 of this Title;
- 19 b. Property exempted under section 54:4-3.12 of this Title.
- 20 (7) The net valuation taxable;
- 21 (8) Amounts deducted under the provisions of sections 54:4-49
- 22 and 54:4-53 of this Title or any other similar law (adjustments
- 23 resulting from prior appeals);
- 24 (9) Amounts added under any of the laws mentioned in
- 25 subdivision 8 of this section (like adjustments);
- 26 (10) Amounts added for equalization under the provisions of
- 27 sections 54:3-17 to 54:3-19 of this Title;
- 28 (11) Amounts deducted for equalization under the provisions of
- 29 sections 54:3-17 to 54:3-19 of this Title;
- 30 (12) Net valuation on which county, State and State school
- 31 taxes are apportioned;
- 32 (13) The number of polls assessed;
- 33 (14) The amount of dog taxes assessed;
- 34 (15) The property exempt from taxation under the following
- 35 special classifications:
- 36 a. Public school property;
- 37 b. Other school property;
- 38 c. Public property;
- 39 d. Church and charitable property;
- 40 e. Cemeteries and graveyards;
- 41 f. Other exemptions not included in foregoing classifications
- 42 subdivided showing exemptions of real property and exemptions of
- 43 personal property;
- 44 g. The number of disabled veterans receiving the disabled
- 45 veterans' total property tax exemption provided for in section 1 of
- 46 P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30) and the total amount of all such
- 47 exemptions;

1 h. The total amount of exempt property.
2 (16) State road tax;
3 (17) State school tax;
4 (18) County taxes apportioned, exclusive of bank stock taxes;
5 (19) Local taxes to be raised, exclusive of bank stock taxes,
6 subdivided as follows:
7 a. District school tax;
8 b. Other local taxes.
9 (20) Total amount of miscellaneous revenues, including surplus
10 revenue appropriated, for the support of the taxing district budget,
11 which, for a municipality operating under the State fiscal year, shall
12 be the amounts for the fiscal year ending June 30 of the year in
13 which the table is prepared;
14 (21) District court taxes;
15 (22) Library tax;
16 (23) Bank stock taxes due taxing district;
17 (24) Tax rate for local taxing purposes to be known as general
18 tax rate to apply per \$100.00 of valuation, which general tax rate
19 shall be rounded up to the nearest one-half penny after receipt in
20 any year of a municipal resolution submitted to the county tax board
21 on or before April 1 of that tax year requesting that the general tax
22 rate be rounded up to the nearest one-half penny.
23 For municipalities operating under the State fiscal year, the
24 amount for local municipal purposes shall be the amount as
25 certified pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1994, c.72 (C.40A:4-12.1).
26 The table shall also include a footnote showing the amount raised
27 by taxation for municipal purposes as shown in the State fiscal year
28 budget ending June 30 of the year the table is prepared.
29 In addition to the above such other matters may be added, or
30 such changes in the foregoing items may be made, as may from
31 time to time be directed by the Director of the Division of Taxation.
32 The forms for filling out tables of aggregates shall be prescribed by
33 the director and sent by him to the county treasurers of the several
34 counties to be by them transmitted to the county board of taxation.
35 Such table of aggregates shall be correctly added by columns and
36 shall be signed by the members of the county board of taxation and
37 shall within three days thereafter be transmitted to the county
38 treasurer who shall file the same and forthwith cause it to be printed
39 in its entirety and shall transmit certified copy of same to the
40 Director of the Division of Taxation, the State Auditor, the Director
41 of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of
42 Community Affairs, the clerk of the board of freeholders, and the
43 clerk of each municipality in the county.
44 (cf: P.L.1995, c.345 ,s.1)
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46 5. (New section) The Director of the Division of Taxation in
47 the Department of the Treasury may inspect all records in the office
48 of the collector and the assessor with respect to claims and

1 allowances for the disabled veterans' total property tax exemption
2 provided for in section 1 of P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30).

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4 6. (New section) The Director of the Division of Taxation in
5 the Department of the Treasury is authorized to adopt regulations
6 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
7 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) necessary to effectuate the provisions of
8 P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
9 bill).

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11 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill would require the State to annually reimburse each
17 municipality in an amount equal to 102 percent of the amount of
18 any disabled veterans' total property tax exemptions permitted by
19 that taxing district in the current tax year pursuant to section 1 of
20 P.L.1948, c.259 (C.54:4-3.30). It is the intent of the sponsor that
21 the 102% reimbursement shall cover the cost of the actual taxes
22 exempted plus any administrative costs that may be incurred by the
23 municipalities due to the enactment of the bill.