

## **HOUSE BILL 118: Disabled Veterans Tax Relief Bill.**

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Veterans Affairs. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules,

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OVERVIEW: The PCS to House Bill 118 would exclude from taxation the first \$61,000 of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 105-277.1C provides a property tax exclusion for certain disabled veterans. Under this exclusion, the first \$45,000 of appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner is excluded. Permanent residence includes the dwelling, dwelling site not to exceed one acre, and related improvements. It may be a single-family residence, a unit in a multi-family residential complex, or a manufactured home. To qualify for this exclusion, the taxpayer must have a total and permanent service-connected disability or be the unmarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. A taxpayer is totally and permanently disabled when he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially precludes him or her from obtaining gainful employment and appears reasonably certain to continue without substantial improvement throughout his or her life. Due to this requirement, current law allows this partial exemption to be requested in a single application.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to House Bill 118 would increase the exclusion from the first \$45,000 to the first \$61,000 of the appraised value of a qualifying residence.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The PCS would become effective for taxes imposed for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 2025.

<sup>1</sup> See G.S. 105-277.1(b)(3).

<sup>2</sup> See G.S. 105-277.1(b)(4).

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