

FISCAL NOTE

June 20, 2019

Bill No:	SB 92	Printer's No:	243	Sponsor:	Bartolotta (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2018-19	2019-20
General Fund	See "FISCAL IMPACT"	See "FISCAL IMPACT"

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Pennsylvania Constitution, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

ANALYSIS: SB 92 establishes commonwealth citizens and residents who served in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged and were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, shall be exempt from the payment of a portion of real property taxes on their occupied residence if, as a result of military service, they are in need of the exemption and (1) blind, (2) paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees, or (3) have a service-connected disability declared to be a permanent disability of 50 percent or greater. The percentage of exemption from real property taxes shall be in direct proportion to the determined percentage of disability.

Currently, such individuals are exempt from real property taxes only if they are (1) blind, (2) paraplegic or double or quadruple amputees, or (3) have a service-connected disability declared to be a total or 100 percent permanent disability.

SB 92 would be the first passage of this language. Constitutional amendments must pass in two consecutive legislative sessions then be approved through referendum.

FISCAL IMPACT: Constitutional amendments carry a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million in two consecutive legislative sessions to comply with the advertising requirements of Section 1, Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

This bill would also result in a loss of property tax revenue to schools and local governments due to increased exemptions.