

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7122

AN ACT EXCLUDING VETERANS' DISABILITY PAYMENTS FROM
QUALIFYING INCOME WHEN DETERMINING CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX

Title: RELIEF.

Vote Date: 3/11/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee
Rep. Bill Buckbee, 67th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill excludes any federal veterans' benefits from income calculations when determining property tax relief for veterans. The bill was intended to increase the number of veterans in need of financial assistance who can receive property tax relief. By disregarding federal veterans' benefits when determining eligibility, it ensures that more low-income veterans with a service-connected disability rating would be entitled to certain property tax relief measures.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Allison Weir, Executive Director, Connecticut Veterans' Legal Center: Ms. Weir expressed her support for this bill and her solidarity with low-income veterans. She noted that while eligibility for property tax exemptions is statutorily meant to be determined based on federal adjusted gross income (which does not include veterans' disability benefits), many towns still count the disability compensation.

Reported by: Sam Sims

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