

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 1091

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE BASIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS AND CERTAIN OTHER MILITARY-RELATED INDIVIDUALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subdivision (19) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2025, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,
2025):

5 (19) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95, 6 property to the amount of [one] twenty thousand dollars belonging to, 7 or held in trust for, (A) any resident of this state who is a veteran, as 8 defined in section 27-103, who was a member of the armed forces in 9 service in time of war, (B) any resident of this state who was a citizen of 10 the United States at the time of his enlistment and who was in the 11 military or naval service of a government allied or associated with that 12 of the United States during the Second World War and received an 13 honorable discharge therefrom, (C) any resident of this state who served 14 during the Second World War as a member of any armed force of any

15 government signatory to the United Nations Declaration of January 1, 16 1942, and participated in armed conflict with an enemy of the United 17 States and who has been a citizen of the United States for at least ten 18 years and presents satisfactory evidence of such service, (D) any 19 resident of this state who served as a member of the crew of a merchant 20 vessel during the Second World War and is qualified with respect to 21 such service as a member of the group known as the "American 22 Merchant Marine in ocean-going service during the period of armed 23 conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945", members of which are 24 deemed to be eligible for certain veterans benefits under a 25 determination in the United States Department of Defense, as recorded 26 in the Federal Register of February 1, 1988, provided such resident has 27 received an armed forces discharge certificate from the Department of 28 Defense on the basis of such service, (E) any member of the armed forces 29 who was in service in time of war and is still in the service and by reason 30 of continuous service has not as yet received a discharge, (F) any person 31 who is retired from the armed forces after thirty years of service because 32 he has reached the age limit prescribed by law or because he suffers 33 from mental or physical disability, or (G) any person who is serving in 34 the armed services in time of war; or lacking said amount of property in 35 his own name, so much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, 36 his spouse, who is domiciled with him, as is necessary to equal said 37 amount, except that no such resident, member or person with property 38 in an amount equal to or greater than seven hundred fifty thousand 39 dollars shall be eligible for the exemption provided for in this 40 subdivision. For the purposes of this subdivision, "veteran", "armed 41 forces" and "service in time of war" have the same meanings as provided 42 in section 27-103;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2025, and	12-81(19)
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
	after October 1, 2025	

## Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide an increase in the exemption amount for property belonging to veterans and certain other military-related individuals, and (2) provide that any such veteran or other military-related individual with property in an amount equal to or greater than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars is ineligible for such exemption.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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