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APPOINTMENTS

PA SOLDIERS' & SAILORS' HOME ADVISORY

MEMORANDUM

To:

All House Members

From:

Representative John Hornaman

Date:

February 8, 2011

Re:

Veteran's Property Tax Exemption Requirements

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that will grant a property tax exemption to Pennsylvania 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. This legislation was introduced last session as House Bill 1067 (Printer's Number 1249).

Those who have served our Nation and Commonwealth proudly are deserving of both our respect and admiration. As such, I am proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that will exempt veterans, who served in any war or armed conflict and who were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service, from property taxes. Currently, the Constitution grants an exemption to those individuals who are determined to be in need by the State Veteran's Commission. My legislation simply removes the requirement that the State Veteran's Commission approve the property tax exemption.

Please join me in honoring and thanking those who have served to preserve our way of life. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Carla Walker in my office via email at <u>cwalker@pahouse.net</u> or at 717-772-2297.