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ATTENTION ALL DISABLED VETERANS: **You MAY be Entitled to an Exemption** **from 100% of Property Taxes**

Effective November 12, 2013, Public Act 161 of 2013 was passed. This new law provides for an exemption of real property, used and owned as a homestead by a disabled veteran discharged under honorable conditions. It also provides for a spouse to benefit following the death of an eligible disabled veteran, as long as that surviving spouse remains unmarried.

A "Disabled Veteran" means a person who is a resident of this state and meets ONE of the following:

1. Has been determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military services and is entitled to 100% veterans' benefits; **OR**
 2. Has a certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying that he or she is receiving or has received pecuniary assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing; **OR**
 3. Has been rated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.
- NOTE: The Department of Veterans Affairs will provide the property owner or his or her legal designee with a **Certificate of Eligibility**, which **must be filed annually** with the local assessor.

In order to get this exemption, the property owner or his or her legal designee is also required to **file an Affidavit annually** with the assessing officer between tax day (Dec 31st) and the final adjournment of the March Board of Review. This form is available at the local Township Office, during normal business hours, or on the Township Website.

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