

By Senator King

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See HB

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to total and permanently  
3           disabled persons; amending ss. 196.012 and  
4           196.101, F.S.; reducing the number of  
5           physicians necessary to certify a total and  
6           permanent disability for homestead exemption  
7           purposes; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 196.012, Florida  
12   Statutes, is amended to read:

13           196.012 Definitions.--For the purpose of this chapter,  
14   the following terms are defined as follows, except where the  
15   context clearly indicates otherwise:

16           (11) "Totally and permanently disabled person" means a  
17   person who is currently certified by a two licensed physician  
18   ~~physicians~~ of this state ~~who are professionally unrelated~~, by  
19   the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
20   predecessor, or by the Social Security Administration, to be  
21   totally and permanently disabled.

22           Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 196.101, Florida  
23   Statutes, is amended to read:

24           196.101 Exemption for totally and permanently disabled  
25   persons.--

26           (3) The production by any totally and permanently  
27   disabled person entitled to the exemption in subsection (1) or  
28   subsection (2) of a certificate of such disability from a two  
29   licensed doctor ~~doctors~~ of this state or from the United  
30   States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to  
31   the property appraiser of the county wherein the property

1 lies, is prima facie evidence of the fact that he or she is  
2 entitled to such exemption.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

8 Reduces from two to one the number of physicians required  
9 to certify a person as totally and permanently disabled  
10 for homestead exemption purposes.

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