

By the Committee on Local Government & Veterans Affairs
and Representatives Davis and Wiles

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to totally and permanently
3 disabled persons; amending s. 196.202, F.S.;
4 reducing the number of physicians required to
5 certify a total and permanent disability for
6 certain purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 196.202, Florida Statutes, is
11 amended to read:

12 196.202 Property of widows, widowers, blind persons,
13 and persons totally and permanently disabled.--Property to the
14 value of \$500 of every widow, widower, blind person, or
15 totally and permanently disabled person who is a bona fide
16 resident of this state shall be exempt from taxation.
17 Notwithstanding s. 196.012(11) and for purposes of this
18 section, the provision, by any totally and permanently
19 disabled person entitled to the exemption in this section, of
20 a certificate of such disability from a single doctor who is
21 licensed in this state, or from the United States Department
22 of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, to the property
23 appraiser of the county in which the property is located is
24 prima facie evidence of entitlement to such exemption.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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