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By Senator Clary

4-1405-03 See HB 61 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to property tax exemptions; amending s. 196.24, F.S.; entitling the 3 4 surviving spouse of certain ex-service members 5 to an exemption from taxation of the value of 6 certain property; providing an effective date. 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 10 Section 1. Section 196.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 11 12 196.24 Exemption for disabled ex-service member or surviving spouse; evidence of disability. -- Any ex-service 13 member, a bona fide resident of the state, who has been 14 disabled to a degree of 10 percent or more while serving 15 during a period of wartime service as defined in s. 1.01(14), 16 17 or by misfortune, is entitled to the exemption from taxation provided for in s. 3(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution as 18 19 provided in this section. Property to the value of \$5,000 of 20 such a person is exempt from taxation. The production by him 21 or her of a certificate of disability from the United States 22 Government or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor before the property appraiser of the county 23 wherein the ex-service member's property lies is prima facie 24 25 evidence of the fact that he or she is entitled to the exemption. The surviving spouse of such ex-service member is 26 27 also entitled to the exemption provided in this section. 28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 29 law. 30 31 1

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