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Senators Klein, Campbell, and Miller moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On lines 81 through 113, delete those lines

and insert:

(g) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an

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1 official letter from the United States Department of Veterans  
 2 Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's  
 3 service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably  
 4 identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the  
 5 veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser  
 6 denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify  
 7 the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and  
 8 the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law,  
 9 waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years.  
 10 This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is  
 11 self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 13 placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6

16 PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS' DISCOUNT ON HOMESTEAD AD  
 17 VALOREM TAX.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution  
 18 to provide a discount from the amount of ad valorem tax on the  
 19 homestead of a partially or totally permanently disabled  
 20 veteran who is age 65 or older who was a Florida resident at

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 1, line 6, delete that line

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27 and insert:

28 on the homestead of a veteran who meets

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