

By Senator Justice

16-1040-07

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the homestead exemption for persons certified as totally and permanently disabled; amending s. 196.101, F.S.; authorizing a licensed optometrist to certify that a person is totally and permanently disabled solely as a result of legal blindness and therefore entitled to the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 196.101, Florida Statutes, to read:

196.101 Exemption for totally and permanently disabled persons.--

(6) An optometrist licensed under chapter 463 may certify a person to be totally and permanently disabled solely as a result of legal blindness by issuing a certification in accordance with subsection (5). Certification by a doctor and an optometrist of total and permanent disability due to blindness may be deemed to meet the requirements of subsection (3).

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008.

SENATE SUMMARY

Authorizes a licensed optometrist to certify a person as totally and permanently disabled solely due to legal blindness for purposes of claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxes.