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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Altman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 196.082, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

196.082 Discounts for disabled veterans.—

(1) Each veteran who is age 65 or older and is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property that the veteran owns and resides in if:

(a) The disability was combat-related;



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13 ~~(b) The veteran was a resident of this state at the time of~~
14 ~~entering the military service of the United States; and~~

15 (b)~~(e)~~ The veteran was honorably discharged upon separation
16 from military service.

17 (3) To qualify for the discount ~~granted~~ under this section,
18 an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser by
19 March 1:

20 ~~(a) Proof of residency at the time of entering military~~
21 ~~service;~~

22 (a)~~(b)~~ An official letter from the United States Department
23 of Veterans Affairs which states the percentage of the veteran's
24 service-connected disability and evidence that reasonably
25 identifies the disability as combat-related;

26 (b)~~(e)~~ A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge; and

27 (c)~~(d)~~ Proof of age as of January 1 of the year to which
28 the discount applies ~~will apply~~.

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30 An ~~Any~~ applicant who is qualified to receive a discount under
31 this section and who fails to file an application by March 1 may
32 file an application for the discount and may file, pursuant to
33 s. 194.011(3), a petition with the value adjustment board
34 requesting that the discount be granted. Such application and
35 petition is ~~shall be~~ subject to the same procedures as ~~for~~
36 exemptions under ~~set forth in~~ s. 196.011(8).

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, and
38 operate retroactively to January 1, 2013.

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40 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

41 And the title is amended as follows:



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42 Delete everything before the enacting clause
43 and insert:

44 A bill to be entitled
45 An act relating to homestead property tax exemptions;
46 amending s. 196.082, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
47 a disabled veteran be a resident of this state at the
48 time of entering military service in order to receive
49 a discount on the ad valorem tax owed on his or her
50 homestead property; providing for retroactivity;
51 providing an effective date.