

**REVENUE IMPACT OF
PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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Legislative Revenue Office**

**Bill Number: SB 434
Revenue Area: Property Tax
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Measure Description:

Grants higher property tax exemption on property of veterans with service-connected disabilities of 100 percent. Modifies exemption available to surviving spouse to include those that remarry so long as surviving spouse remarries for the first time after the age of 56 years.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

It is expected that this bill would reduce property tax revenues to local governments by less than \$5 million each fiscal year. A more complete revenue impact statement will be developed as the measure is heard by Senate Finance and Revenue committee.

Impact Explanation:

This measure has a subsequent referral to the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee. A more complete revenue impact statement will be developed at that time. However, it is expected that this bill would reduce property tax revenues to local governments. The bill makes two primary changes to current law. First, the bill provides a property tax exemption not to exceed \$60,000 in assessed value (grows by 3% in subsequent years) for veterans with service connected disabilities equal to 100 percent. Second, the bill includes a definition of surviving spouse of a veteran which allows a surviving spouse, remarried for the first time after the age of 56, to continue receiving property tax exemption.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes No

The policy purpose of this measure is expand the exemption amount for veterans with service connected disabilities of 100 percent and make exemption available to surviving spouses that remarry so long as they remarry for the first time after the age of 56.

Further Analysis Required