

House Bill 862

By: Representatives Knight of the 130th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Houston of the 170th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 homestead exemption for disabled veterans, so as to clarify the definition of disabled veteran;
3 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the homestead
7 exemption for disabled veterans, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) as
8 follows:

9 "(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'disabled veteran' means:

10 (1) Any veteran who was discharged under honorable conditions and who has been
11 adjudicated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being 100 percent
12 totally disabled or as being less than 100 percent totally disabled but is compensated at
13 the 100 percent level due to individual unemployability ~~and~~ or is entitled to receive a
14 statutory award from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for:

- 15 (A) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet;
- 16 (B) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;
- 17 (C) Loss of sight in one or both eyes; or
- 18 (D) Permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual
19 acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity
20 of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted
21 to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends on angular distance
22 no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;"

23 SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.