

House Bill 862 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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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 provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

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

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

16 (A) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet;

17 (B) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;

18 (C) Loss of sight in one or both eyes; or

19 (D) Permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual  
20 acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity  
21 of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted  
22 to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends on angular distance  
23 no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye;"

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
26 without such approval.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.