House Bill 442 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Yates of the 73rd, Lakly of the 72nd, Freeman of the 140th, and Warren of the 122nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications for an exemption from occupation taxes, administrative fees, and regulatory fees, so as to provide for certain duties of the Department of Veterans Service; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 43-12-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to qualifications for an exemption from occupation taxes, administrative fees, and regulatory fees, is amended by striking in their entirety subsections (c) and (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) A war veteran must furnish satisfactory proof that he or she has a physical disability which is disabling to the extent of 10 percent or more; that his or her service in the armed forces of the United States was terminated under conditions other than dishonorable; and that his or her service or some part thereof was rendered during a war period as defined by an act of the Congress of the United States, approved March 20, 1933, entitled 'An Act to Maintain the Credit of the United States,' and commonly known as Public Law No. 2, 73rd Congress; or that some part of his or her service was rendered on or after December 7, 1941, and before December 31, 1946; or that some part of his or her service was rendered on or after June 27, 1950, and before January 31, 1955; or that some part of his or her service was rendered on or after August 5, 1964, and before May 8, 1975. Proof of such 10 percent disability shall be established upon the written certificate of two physicians as to such disability, or by a letter or other written evidence from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Veterans Service stating the degree of disability, or by written evidence from the branch of the armed forces of the United States in which such veteran served.

(d) A veteran of peace-time service in the United States armed forces must furnish proof that he or she has a physical disability to the extent of 25 percent or more incurred in the

line of duty during the period of such service by a letter or other evidence from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Veterans Service stating the degree of disability or by written evidence from the branch of the armed forces of the United States in which such veteran served and that his or her service in the armed forces of the United States was terminated under conditions other than dishonorable."

SECTION 2.

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