

Legislative Analysis



QUALIFIED ERROR IN DETERMINING DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

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House Bill 4851 as enacted

Public Act 206 of 2020

Sponsor: Rep. Michele Hoytenga

1st House Committee: Local Government and Municipal Finance

2nd House Committee: Ways and Means

Senate Committee: Finance

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4851 amends the General Property Tax Act to change the definition of a *qualified error* to include an *issue beyond the control of a disabled veteran or his or her unremarried surviving spouse* that causes the denial of the veteran's or spouse's exemption from the collection of taxes on his or her homestead under the act.¹

A *qualified error* is an error made in the assessment of a real property's taxable value that may be appealed by the property owner before the relevant deadline and corrected if verified.

An *issue beyond the control of a disabled veteran or his or her unremarried surviving spouse* means either of the following:

- An error made by the local tax collecting unit in processing a timely filed exemption affidavit.
- A delay in the determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the veteran is permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate.

MCL 211.53b

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill would have no impact on state or local revenue but could potentially reduce local administrative costs by a small amount.

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¹ Under section 7b of the act: <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-211-7b.pdf>