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Introduced by Representatives Poirier of Barre City, LaClair of Barre Town,  
McFaun of Barre Town, and Walz of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Taxation; property taxation; homestead property tax income  
sensitivity adjustment; income from veterans' disability payments and  
pensions

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to exempt  
certain benefits and pensions for veterans and their dependents and survivors  
from the calculation of household income for purposes of the homestead  
property tax income sensitivity adjustment or renter rebate.

An act relating to veterans' benefits and pensions and the calculation of  
income for purposes of the homestead property tax income sensitivity  
adjustment and renter rebate

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 6061(5) is amended to read:

(5) "Modified adjusted gross income" means "federal adjusted gross  
income":

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1           (B) With the addition of the following, to the extent not included in  
2 adjusted gross income: alimony, support money other than gifts, gifts received  
3 by the household in excess of a total of \$6,500.00 in cash or cash-equivalents,  
4 cash public assistance and relief (not including relief granted under this  
5 subchapter), cost of living allowances paid to federal employees, allowances  
6 received by dependents of servicemen and women except those provided under  
7 Title 38 of the U.S. Code, the portion of Roth IRA distributions representing  
8 investment earnings and not included in adjusted gross income, railroad  
9 retirement benefits, payments received under the federal Social Security Act,  
10 ~~all benefits under Veterans' Acts~~, federal pension, and annuity benefits not  
11 included in adjusted gross income; nontaxable interest received from the ~~state~~  
12 State or federal government or any of its instrumentalities, workers'  
13 compensation, the gross amount of "loss of time" insurance, and the amount of  
14 capital gains excluded from adjusted gross income, less the net employment  
15 and self-employment taxes withheld from or paid by the individual (exclusive  
16 of any amounts deducted to arrive at adjusted gross income or deducted on  
17 account of excess payment of employment taxes) on account of income  
18 included under this section, less any amounts paid as child support money if  
19 substantiated by receipts or other evidence that the Commissioner may require.

20           (C) Without the inclusion of: any benefits provided under Title 38 of  
21 the U.S. Code; any gifts from nongovernmental sources other than those

1 described in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (5); surplus food or other relief  
2 in kind supplied by a governmental agency; or the first \$6,500.00 of income  
3 earned by a full-time student who qualifies as a dependent of the claimant  
4 under the federal Internal Revenue Code; the first \$6,500.00 of income  
5 received by a person who qualifies as a dependent of the claimant under the  
6 Internal Revenue Code and who is the claimant's parent or adult child with a  
7 disability; or payments made by the State pursuant to 33 V.S.A. chapters 49  
8 and 55 for foster care, or payments made by the State or an agency designated  
9 in 18 V.S.A. § 8907 for adult foster care or to a family for the support of a  
10 person who is eligible and who has a developmental disability. If the  
11 Commissioner determines, upon application by the claimant, that a person  
12 resides with a claimant who has a disability or was at least 62 years of age as  
13 of the end of the year preceding the claim, for the primary purpose of  
14 providing attendant care services (as defined in 33 V.S.A. § 6321) or  
15 homemaker or companionship services, with or without compensation, which  
16 allow the claimant to remain in his or her home or avoid institutionalization,  
17 the Commissioner shall exclude that person's modified adjusted gross income  
18 from the claimant's household income. The Commissioner may require that a  
19 certificate in a form satisfactory to him or her be submitted which supports the  
20 claim.

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1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.