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HOUSE BILL 16-1444

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "QUALIFYING DISABLED VETERAN"**
102 **AS IT RELATES TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SUCH**
103 **INDIVIDUALS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill aligns the statutory definition of "qualifying disabled veteran", as it relates to a property tax exemption for qualifying seniors and disabled veterans, with the language established in section 3.5 of article X of the Colorado constitution.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
3rd Reading Unamended
May 10, 2016

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
May 9, 2016

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
May 6, 2016

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
May 5, 2016

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3-202, **amend**
3 (3.5) as follows:

4 **39-3-202. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (3.5) "Qualifying disabled veteran" means an individual who has
7 served on active duty in the United States armed forces, including a
8 member of the Colorado National Guard who has been ordered into the
9 active military service of the United States, has been separated therefrom
10 under honorable conditions, and has established a service-connected
11 disability that has been rated by the ~~United States~~ FEDERAL department of
12 veterans affairs as A one hundred percent permanent ~~and total~~ disability
13 THROUGH DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS pursuant to a law or
14 regulation administered by the department, THE UNITED STATES
15 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
16 ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE.

17 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

18 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.