

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION  
2025 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Patron** Phillip A. Scott

3. **Committee** House Finance

4. **Title** Real property tax; Exemptions for disabled veterans and surviving spouses; Driveways

2. **Bill Number** HB 2404

**House of Origin:**

  X   **Introduced**

       **Substitute**

       **Engrossed**

**Second House:**

       **In Committee**

       **Substitute**

       **Enrolled**

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill would clarify that any driveway used to access land otherwise exempt from real property taxes as being owned by either (i) a veteran who has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, or the widow or widower of such a veteran, or (ii) a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who died in the line of duty, shall be exempt from such taxation.

Current law provides an exemption from real property tax for a qualifying dwelling or qualifying portion thereof, and up to one acre of land upon which such dwelling is situated, that are owned by either (i) a veteran who has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, or the widow or widower of such a veteran, or (ii) a surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.

If enacted during the regular session of the 2025 General Assembly this bill would become effective July 1, 2025.

6. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Not available. (See Line 8.)

**8. Fiscal implications:**

Administrative Costs

This bill may have an unknown impact on local administrative costs but no impact on state costs.

Revenue Impact

This bill may have an unknown impact on local revenues but no impact to state revenue.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**

All localities

**10. Technical amendment necessary: No.**

**11. Other comments:**

Exemption for Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses

Authority granted by Article X, § 6-A of the Constitution exempts from real property taxation (i) the qualifying dwelling or qualifying portion thereof, and (ii) up to one acre of land up on which such dwelling is situated, of a disabled veteran or the widow or widower of such a veteran. The exemption applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, and requires that the veteran has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability.

The surviving spouse of a veteran is eligible for the exemption so long as the death of the veteran occurred on or after January 1, 2011, the surviving spouse does not remarry, and the surviving spouse continues to occupy the real property as their principal residence.

Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Members of the Armed Forces Killed in Action

Article X, Section 6-A of the Virginia Constitution and the Virginia Code exempt, for years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse (i) of any member of the armed forces of the United States who died in the line of duty as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense and (ii) who occupies the real property as his principal place of residence.

Proposal

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cc: Secretary of Finance

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