

PROPERTY TAX Exclusion for Veterans with a Disability Increased

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Department of Revenue

Analysis of S.F. 262 (Utke) / H.F. 194 (Knudsen) as introduced

	Fund Impact			
	F.Y. 2026	F.Y. 2027	F.Y. 2028	F.Y. 2029
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PTR Interaction – Veteran Homesteads	\$0	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$2,000
PTR Interaction – Other Homesteads	\$0	(\$710)	(\$750)	(\$780)
General Fund Total	\$0	\$1,090	\$1,150	\$1,220

Effective beginning with assessment year 2025.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The proposal would increase the maximum market value exclusion for homesteads of a veteran with a disability:

- from \$150,000 to \$200,000 for a veteran with a 70% or greater disability, and
- from \$300,000 to \$400,000 for a veteran with a total (100%) and permanent disability.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The estimate is based on the February 2025 forecast.
- In assessment year 2024, approximately 26,000 homesteads received the exclusion.
- In assessment year 2025, an estimated 19,300 homesteads would benefit under the proposal.
- The proposal would result in a net savings to the state of \$1.09 million in fiscal year 2027 due to a reduction in state-paid homeowner property tax refunds (PTR) to qualifying homesteads.
- For taxes payable in 2026, the proposal would reduce state-paid homeowner refunds to qualifying homesteads by \$1.8 million, resulting in a savings to the state general fund.
- At the same time, the proposal would shift an estimated \$12.2 million of property taxes onto other properties, including other homesteads, increasing state-paid homeowner refunds by \$710,000. The overall savings to the state general fund is net of this cost.
- It is assumed that the number of homesteads enrolled in the program will increase by 5% annually.
- Tax year impact is allocated to the following fiscal year.

Number of Taxpayers: Approximately 19,300 homesteads.

PROPERTY TAX BENCHMARKS (Minn. Stat. § 270C.991)

Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity & Accountability	Neutral
Efficiency & Compliance	Neutral
Equity (Vertical & Horizontal)	Neutral
Stability & Predictability	Neutral
Competitiveness for Businesses	Neutral
Responsiveness to Economic Conditions	Neutral

The bill is scored on a three-point scale (decrease, neutral, increase) for each principle in comparison to <u>current law.</u>

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue Property Tax Division – Research Unit https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/revenue-analyses

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