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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Current law authorizes counties, cities, and towns to formulate and adopt policy by which, at their discretion, they may authorize the deferral (*but not forgiveness*) of payment of a special assessment on the homestead property owned by a person who is aged 65 or more or who is permanently and totally physically disabled and for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments.

This bill would amend this *Hardship Assessment Statute* to apply, as well, to any veteran who has been ordered into federal active military service for six months or longer, and for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments.

The bill is effective the day following final enactment.