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Subject Market value exclusion for veterans with a disability

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Summary

Makes a number of changes to the homestead market value exclusion for veterans with a disability. First, the bill would set the exclusion amount equal to a base amount multiplied by the qualifying veteran's disability rating. The base amount for assessment year 2023 would be \$400,000. This amount would be annually increased based on inflation.

Second, the bill broadens the application window for surviving spouses. Under current law, surviving spouses must apply for the exclusion within two years of the death of the veteran and surviving spouses of veterans who died before receiving the 100 percent exclusion are only eligible if the veteran died after December 31, 2011. The bill would allow surviving spouses to apply any time after a veteran's death and all surviving spouses of veterans who died before receiving the 100 percent exclusion would be eligible, regardless of when the veteran died.

Lastly, the bill allows surviving spouses of deceased veterans who had previously qualified for the disabled veterans' homestead market value exclusion and had that exclusion expire prior to 2020 to reapply for the exclusion. Prior to 2019, there was an eight-year limit on the exclusion for surviving spouses. Some surviving spouses reached this limit, prior to the limit being removed in 2019. This bill would allow these surviving spouses to reapply for the exclusion.