
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5511

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME CARE COSTS FOR VETERANS.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a state income tax deduction for the ordinary and necessary expenses incurred providing full-time home care to a veteran. It allows veterans or taxpayers related to the veteran by blood, adoption, or marriage to deduct up to \$60,000 of the eligible expenses they incurred that were not deductible when determining their federal adjusted gross income (AGI).

Under the bill, deductible full-time home care expenses include medical supplies, in-home services done by registered homemaker companion agencies, and health care provided by licensed home health agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Definition of Veteran

For purposes of state veterans benefits and under the bill, a veteran is generally anyone who was honorably discharged, or released under honorable conditions, from active service in the United States armed forces. This also includes anyone who was released from active service with an other than honorable (OTH) discharge based on a “qualifying condition.”

A qualifying condition is a (1) post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury diagnosis by a licensed health care professional at a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facility, (2) military sexual trauma disclosed to such health care professional, or (3) determination

by the Eligibility Qualifying Review Board that sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression was more likely than not the primary reason for the OTH discharge (CGS § 27-103).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/07/2023)