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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately

3 designated and to read as follows:

4   "§651-   **Veterans disability benefits; exemption.** (a)

5 Federal disability benefits awarded to veterans for service-

6 connected disabilities pursuant to Title 38 United States Code

7 chapter 11:

8   (1) Are exempt from the claim of creditors;

9   (2) Are not subject to attachment, levy, or seizure under

10   any legal or equitable process, as provided by federal

11   law; and

12   (3) May not be awarded to any other person.

13   (b) This section shall not apply to that portion of

14 service-connected disability benefits that is subject to child

15 and spousal support enforcement under Title 42 United States

16 Code section 659(h)(1)(A)(ii)(V)."

17   SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to any action filed

18 before its effective date.

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1   SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2   SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:
Veterans Disability Benefits; Attachment; Exemption

Description:
Exempts federal veterans disability benefits from seizure to
enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal
support cases.

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