
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 compensation benefits;**
5 **exemption.** (a) Federal disability compensation benefits, as
6 determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
7 disability compensation benefits rate and awarded to veterans
8 for service-connected disabilities, pursuant to title 38 United
9 States Code chapter 11:

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

11 (2) Are not subject to attachment, levy, or seizure under
12 any legal or equitable process, as provided by federal
13 law; and

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

15 (b) Only that portion of a veteran's disability benefits
16 that is not considered to be the veteran's disability
17 compensation, as determined by the United States Department of



1 Veterans Affairs disability compensation benefits rate, shall be
2 subject to child and spousal support enforcement under title 42
3 United States Code section 659(h)(1)(A)(ii)(V)."

4 SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to any action filed
5 before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Veterans Disability Benefits; Attachment; Exemption

Description:

Exempts federal veterans disability compensation benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment. Provides that only that portion of a veteran's disability benefits that is not considered to be the veteran's disability compensation shall be subject to child and spousal support enforcement. (SB1159 HD1)

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