

## CHAPTER 193

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**MILITARY AND VETERANS**


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**HOUSE BILL 16-1444**

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "QUALIFYING DISABLED VETERAN" AS IT RELATES TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SUCH INDIVIDUALS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3-202, **amend** (3.5) as follows:

**39-3-202. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the context otherwise requires:

(3.5) "Qualifying disabled veteran" means an individual who has served on active duty in the United States armed forces, including a member of the Colorado National Guard who has been ordered into the active military service of the United States, has been separated therefrom under honorable conditions, and has established a service-connected disability that has been rated by the ~~United States~~ FEDERAL department of veterans affairs as A one hundred percent permanent ~~and total~~ disability THROUGH DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS pursuant to a law or regulation administered by the department, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2016.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 27, 2016