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Committee:

- A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change
 provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled
 veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the
 original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 2024, is amended to read:

3 77-3506 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for
4 taxation the same as other property, except that:

5 (a) There there shall be exempt from taxation, on any homestead 6 described in subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) subsection 7 (2) of this section, one hundred percent of the exempt amount; and -

8 (b) There shall be exempt from taxation, on any homestead described 9 in subdivision (2)(g) of this section, a percentage of the exempt amount. 10 The percentage of the exempt amount shall be equal to the disability 11 percentage of the veteran of the homestead.

12 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall13 apply to homesteads of:

(a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected permanent
disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections
77-3526 to 77-3528;

(b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in
subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a
veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

23 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a 24 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions), 25 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary 26 27 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a veteran, or a 28 surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the age 29 of fifty-seven years; 30

31 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a

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veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a serviceconnected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

6 (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman, 7 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, 8 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving 9 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining 10 the age of fifty-seven years; and

(f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman who died while on active duty during the periods described in section 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years; and -

15 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, a veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general 16 17 (under honorable conditions), who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs because the veteran is at least 18 eighty percent disabled but less than one hundred percent disabled due to 19 a service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total 20 exemption under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried surviving 21 spouse of such a veteran, or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who 22 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years. 23

24 (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of this 25 section shall be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by five and shall include certification of the status described in 26 subdivision (2)(a) of this section from the United States Department of 27 Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(b), 28 (c), (d), (e), or (f), or (g) of this section shall be required annually 29 and shall include certification of the status described in subdivision 30 (2)(b), (c), (d), (e), $\frac{\partial r}{\partial r}$ (f), or (g) of this section from the United 31

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States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such certification of
 status shall only be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible
 by five.

4 Sec. 2. Original section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative
5 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.