## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 272**

Introduced by Dungan, 26.

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Committee: Revenue

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
- 2 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change
- 3 provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled
- 4 veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the
- 5 original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- **Section 1.** Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 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 <u>(a) There</u> 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  $\pm$
- 8 (b) There shall be exempt from taxation, on any homestead described
- 9 <u>in subdivision (2)(g) of this section, a percentage of the exempt amount.</u>
- 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 shall
- 13 apply to homesteads of:
- 14 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
- 15 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
- 16 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
- 17 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected permanent
- 18 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections
- 19 77-3526 to 77-3528;
- 20 (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in
- 21 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a
- 22 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;
- (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
- 26 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary
- 27 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections
- 28 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried spouse of such a veteran, or a
- 29 surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the age
- 30 of fifty-seven years;
- 31 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a

- 1 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was
- 2 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or
- 3 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-
- 4 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who
- 5 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
- 11 (f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman
- 12 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section
- 13 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who
- 14 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years; and -
- 15 (g) Beginning January 1, 2026, a veteran who was discharged or
- 16 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general
- 17 (under honorable conditions), who is drawing compensation from the United
- 18 States Department of Veterans Affairs because the veteran is at least ten
- 19 percent disabled but less than one hundred percent disabled due to a
- 20 service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption
- 21 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried surviving spouse of
- 22 such a veteran, or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries
- 23 <u>after attaining the age of fifty-seven years.</u>
- 24 (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of this
- 25 section shall be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible by
- 26 five and shall include certification of the status described in
- 27 subdivision (2)(a) of this section from the United States Department of
- 28 Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(b),
- 29 (c), (d), (e),  $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$  (f),  $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$  (g) of this section shall be required annually
- 30 and shall include certification of the status described in subdivision
- 31 (2)(b), (c), (d), (e), (e), (f), (f), (g) of this section from the United

- 1 States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such certification of
- 2 status shall only be required in every subsequent year evenly divisible
- 3 by five.
- 4 **Sec. 2.** Original section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 5 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.