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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the disabled veteran homestead tax credit by
2 modifying eligibility criteria and including effective date
3 and applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 425.15, subsection 1, paragraphs b and c,
2 Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

3 *b.* A veteran as defined in [section 35.1](#) with a permanent
4 service-connected disability rating of ~~one hundred~~ seventy
5 percent or higher, as certified by the United States department
6 of veterans affairs, or a permanent and total disability rating
7 based on individual unemployability that is compensated at the
8 one hundred percent disability rate, as certified by the United
9 States department of veterans affairs.

10 *c.* A former member of the national guard of any state who
11 otherwise meets the service requirements of section 35.1,
12 subsection 2, paragraph "*b*", subparagraph (2) or (7), with a
13 permanent service-connected disability rating of ~~one hundred~~
14 seventy percent or higher, as certified by the United States
15 department of veterans affairs, or a permanent and total
16 disability rating based on individual unemployability that is
17 compensated at the one hundred percent disability rate, as
18 certified by the United States department of veterans affairs.

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
20 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to applications for
22 the disabled veteran tax credit filed on or after the effective
23 date of this Act.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 Current Code section 425.15, in part, provides a homestead
28 credit to the owner of a homestead for the full amount of tax
29 levied if the owner is either of the following: (1) a veteran
30 with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100
31 percent or a permanent and total disability rating based on
32 individual unemployability that is compensated at the 100
33 percent disability rate; or (2) a former member of the national
34 guard of any state who meets specified service requirements
35 with a permanent service-connected disability rating of 100

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1 percent or a permanent and total disability rating based on
2 individual unemployability that is compensated at the 100
3 percent disability rate.

4 This bill amends a portion of the credit qualification
5 criteria for those categories of veterans and former members
6 of the national guard to require a permanent service-connected
7 disability rating of 70 percent or higher. The bill does not
8 amend the portion of the credit qualification criteria based on
9 the determination of individual unemployability.

10 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to
11 applications for the disabled veteran tax credit filed on or
12 after the effective date of the bill.