

Cold War Veterans' Tax Exemption

Commack UFSD

Board of Education Meeting

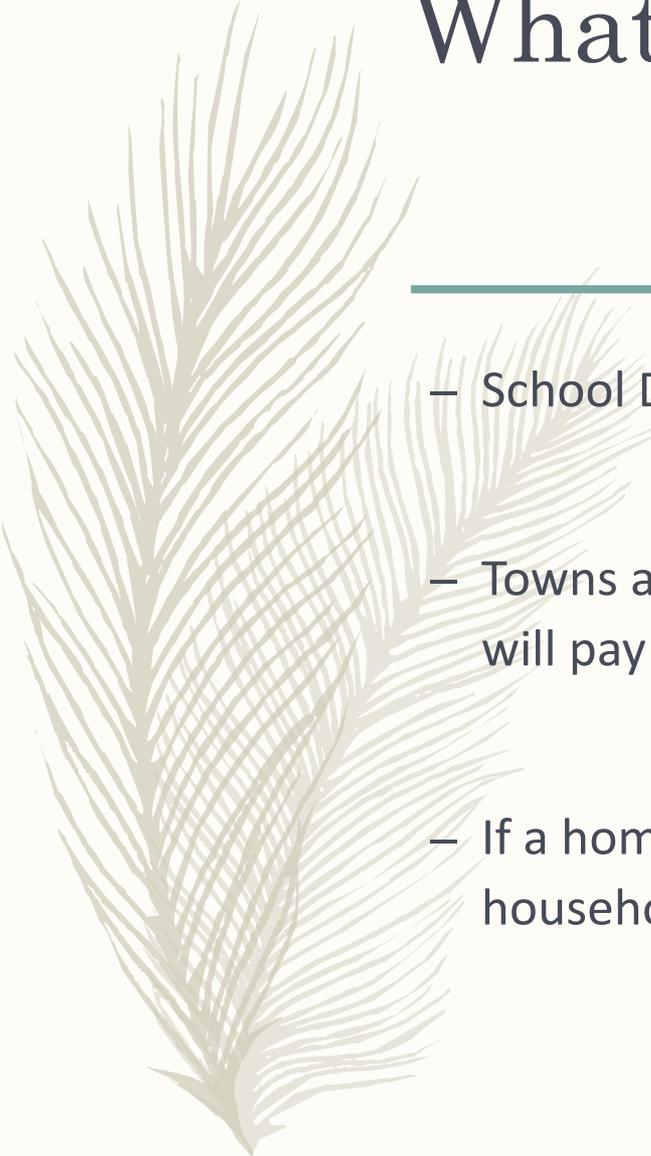
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- By Chapter 655 of the Laws of New York for 2007, as amended by Chapter 6 of the Laws of New York for 2008, the New York State Legislature amended § 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law authorizing the adoption of a local law to provide tax exemptions for Cold War veterans. Gives option to School Districts to “opt in” to grant partial exemption to veterans
- If adopted, veterans would see reduction to annual school tax bill from Towns

What Does That Mean?



- School Districts assess the “TAX LEVY” (\$132M)
- Towns assess and determine how much each homeowner will pay (Avg. Tax Rate = \$217 /\$100 AV)
- If a homeowner receives lower tax bill; the other households make up the difference

Who is Eligible?



- Veterans who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991)
- Where a veteran has received a service-connected disability rating from the Veteran's Administration or the Department of Defense, there is an additional exemption, which is equal to one-half of the disability rating multiplied by the assessed value of the property.

What is the Exemption?



- The exemption is limited to 10 years duration.
- This exemption authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991).
- The exemption applies only to the school portion of your property taxes.

Exemption Options

- A qualified residential parcel may receive an exemption equal to 10% (not to exceed \$8,000, or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate of the assessing unit, whichever is less)

OR

- 15% (not to exceed \$12,000, or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate of the assessing unit, whichever is less) of its assessed value.



ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION OPTION

- Veterans who have received a service-connected disability rating from the Veteran's Administration or the Department of Defense, there is an additional exemption equal to one-half of the disability rating multiplied by the assessed value of the property (not to exceed \$40,000, or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest State equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less). There is no limit for the additional exemption for “qualified owners” who received a service-connected disability rating.



What Must the BOE Do to Enact?

- Adopt resolution authorizing the exemption, level (10% or 15%) and if adding a service-connected option

How Does This Affect Commack Residents?



	AV per Towns Eligible	10% of AV	15% of AV	Additional Service Rating Exemption
Town of Huntington	\$133,742	\$13,742	\$20,061	No data Available
Town of Smithtown	\$315,387	\$31,539	\$47,308	No data Available
Shifted Cost to Homeowners		\$7*	\$11*	Unknown at this time

* This is the maximum amount shifted; some of those eligible will not get the exemption as they are already covered under another exemption



Any Questions from the
Board?
Thank you.