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Hero Act
MGL Ch.59, Sec. 5,
Clause 22I

Tax Exemption for Veterans
Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024

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Explanation of the Hero Act Exemption

To determine whether the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024 referred to as the “Hero Act” Property Tax Exemption for veterans in the Town of Concord

Explanation: additional monies and tax exemptions for Veterans’. The additional monies will come from the Overlay account. If Accepted this will begin on FY2026 and going forward the additional monies are not reimbursed from the state, it will come from the town.

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Which if accepted, would increase the amount of tax exemption granted to disabled veterans beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, on their domiciles under Clause 22, 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22D, Clause 22E, Clause 22F annually by cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) determined by Department of Revenue (DOR) based on the consumer price index (CPI).

MGL CHAPTER 59 SECTION 5, CLAUSE 22I

Hero Act Summary

Clause 22 Example

1. Exemption is currently \$400-As determined by the State
2. Our exemption amount is \$800-As determined by a town meeting Vote to double the exemption.

If the COLA is 5%, for FY26 then the increased exemption amount would be \$40 for a total of \$840 for FY26.

Hero Act Cost to Town

Currently we have 49 qualifying Clause 22 service-connected disabled veterans.

35 applicants of Clause 22 would see a \$40 increase from last year.

14 applicants of Clause 22E would see a \$100 increase from last year.

All additional cost to the town would come out of the Overlay Account.



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AN ACT COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE “HERO ACT”**

**MGL Chapter 59 SECTION 5, Clause 22I Acceptance of this act by the
Town of Concord needs to be a vote of approval at an Annual Town
Meeting.**

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