CHAPTER 2001-245

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1366

An act relating to tax exemption; amending s. 196.202, F.S.; defining the term "totally and permanently disabled person"; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 196.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.202 Property of widows, widowers, blind persons, and persons totally and permanently disabled.—Property to the value of \$500 of every widow, widower, blind person, or totally and permanently disabled person who is a bona fide resident of this state shall be exempt from taxation. <u>As used in</u> <u>this section, the term "totally and permanently disabled person" means a</u> <u>person who is currently certified by a physician licensed in this state, by the</u> <u>United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by the</u> <u>Social Security Administration to be totally and permanently disabled.</u>

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2001.

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