

House Bill No. 573

An act relating to disabled veterans; amending s. 295.16, F.S.; expanding exemption from certain fees relating to structural improvements to a disabled veteran's residence; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 295.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.16 Disabled veterans exempt from certain license or permit fee.—No totally and permanently disabled veteran who is a resident of Florida and honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, who has been issued a valid identification card by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17 or has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100-percent disability rating for compensation, or who has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the uniformed armed services, shall be required to pay any license or permit fee, by whatever name known, to any county or municipality in order to make improvements upon a dwelling ~~mobile home~~ owned by the veteran which is used as the veteran's residence, provided such improvements are limited to ramps, widening of doors, and similar improvements for the purpose of making the dwelling ~~mobile home~~ habitable for veterans confined to wheelchairs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2006.

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