

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES 2024 SESSION Supporting Data

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Military/Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC)

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Military/Veterans Leadership Council (MVLC) is a non-partisan umbrella organization of all Veterans and Military Service Organizations in New Mexico.

- Veterans of Foreign Wars(VFW)- Marine Corps League
- American Legion
- Disabled American Vets (DAV)
- Military Officers Assoc (MOAA)
- Assoc of US Army (AUSA)
- Navy League
- Air Force Assoc (AFA)
- NMNG Enlisted Assoc
- Order of Purple Heart
- Air Force Security Assoc

MVLC 2024 Legislative Priorities

MVLC Supports the following legislation for 2024:

- 1. Updating provisions of 2022-HB163
(Military Retiree Tax Exemption 2022)**
- 2. Veterans Property Tax Exemption Implementation
(HJR 05 & HJR06 - 2023)**
- 3. Veterans Issues: Homelessness & Mental Health**

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Military Retiree Tax Exemption

The MVLC membership thanks all the members on this committee for their support and efforts in getting HB547 passed which removed the sunset and add Surviving Spouses.

Regrettably the Governor line item vetoed these provisions.

What still needs to be done:

1. Reintroduce language that adds SURVIVING SPOUSES.
2. Eliminates the sunset and make the Tax Exemption permanent

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Reminder Who benefits?

- **100% of the ENLISTED RETIREES do not exceed the \$30,000 cap and thus all enlisted have their entire Military Retirement exempt from PIT.**
- **100% of the SURVIVING SPOUSE do not exceed the \$30,000 cap and thus all enlisted have their entire Military Retirement exempt from PIT.**
- Officers in the Rank of Major (Lt Cdr Navy) and below have their entire Military retirement exempt.
- Officers above the Rank of Major will pay PIT on the amounts over the Cap.
- **Bottom Line - NM Benefits Economically by attracting and retaining skilled Military Retirees in the State.**

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Veterans Property Tax Exemption

In 2023 two Joint Resolutions (HJR 05 & 06) were introduced and passed - to be on 2024 ballot.

A) To provide a \$10,000 exemption for all Veterans

B) To provide an exemption equal to their disability rating.

If B or A&B are passed by the Voters in 2024 then they need to be melded to insure that Veterans who DO NOT have a disability rating (72% of all Veterans) still get a Property Tax Exemption.

- **MVLC recommends that the implementing legislation for the revised Veterans Property Tax Exemption combine the two.**

(See next slide for detailed statistics)

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NM Veterans Statistics 2020

US Census Bureau:
 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-Year Experimental Data Tables.
 Total Veterans, Veterans w/o Disability & Veterans w/ Disability
 United States & New Mexico:
 Veterans w/o Disabilities = 72% with Disabilities = 28%

Label	United States		New Mexico	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	16,845,248	+/-21,531	133,605	+/-2,251
Has no service-connected disability rating	12,395,502	+/-17,726	96,292	+/-1,969
Has a service-connected disability rating	4,449,746	+/-11,431	37,313	+/-1,148

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Sample Effective Prop Tax Exemptions w/o & with Disability

Blended Rate \$10,000 Base OR Disabled % (whichever is greater)										
	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Vet Base Exemption							
	\$50,000.00	36.921	\$10,000.00							
% Disability	Taxable Value	Std Prop Tax	Vet Base Exemption	Base Taxable	Prop Tax w/ Base Exemption	Vets Base Reduction	Prop w/ Disability Exemption	Vets w/ Disability Reduction	Reduction Difference	Adjusted Tax for Disabled
10%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$1,661.45	-\$184.61	-\$184.61	\$1,476.84
20%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$0.00	\$1,476.84
30%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$1,292.24	-\$553.82	\$184.61	\$1,292.24
50%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$923.03	-\$923.03	\$553.82	\$923.03
70%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$553.82	-\$1,292.24	\$923.03	\$553.82
90%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$184.61	-\$1,661.45	\$1,292.24	\$184.61
100%	\$50,000.00	\$1,846.05	-\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,476.84	-\$369.21	\$0.00	-\$1,846.05	\$1,476.84	\$0.00

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Veterans Mental Health & Homeless Initiatives

Two general Homeless bills were introduced in 2023 .

SB139 (Sen Rodrieguez) Appropriation for Homeless Services to Human Sevices Dept. (did not pass out of Senate)

HB358 (Rep Lujan) Appropriation for HOUSING & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SVCS. (did not pass our of House)

In 2021 two Senate Bills were introduced neither passed.

SB 205 (Sen Tallman) proposed \$300K appropriation to DVS for outreach services for Homeless Veterans.

SB 275 (Sen Pope) introduced a comprehensive bill to address a broad range of Veterans issues to include Mental Health and Homelessness.

MVLC recommends that MVLC Legislative Team and this committee work with DVS to formulate initiatives addressing both issues.

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Veterans Mental Health & Homeless Initiatives

HUD PIT Vet Homeless Data for 2020 & 2021.

2020 - 114 Sheltered + 138 Unsheltered Homeless Vets

2021 - 101 Sheltered + ?? Unsheltered Homeless Vets (only counted every 2nd year)

State	Number of CoCs	Homeless Veterans, 2020	Sheltered ES Homeless Veterans, 2020	Sheltered TH Homeless Veterans, 2020	Sheltered SH Homeless Veterans, 2020	Sheltered Total Homeless Veterans, 2020	Unsheltered Homeless Veterans, 2020
NJ	16	595	159	352	0	511	84
NM	2	252	79	35	0	114	138
NV	3	924	120	402	0	522	402

State	Number of CoCs	Sheltered ES Homeless Veterans, 2021	Sheltered TH Homeless Veterans, 2021	Sheltered SH Homeless Veterans, 2021	Sheltered Total Homeless Veterans, 2021
NJ	16	179	239	1	419
NM	2	77	24	0	101
NV	3	137	338	0	475

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Summary

- The MVLC Legislative Team will work with this committee and any sponsors of the priority legislation:
 - Provide testimony
 - Provide documentary and statistical support
 - Contact legislators to lobby for their support