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Summary of Senate Bill 1129, P.N. 1501

Prime Sponsor: Robbins

A. Synopsis

This bill changes the name of the "Paralyzed Veterans' Pension" to the "Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension". It also provides a change to current law so that veterans who have lost significant use of two or more limbs will receive the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension.

B. Bill Summary

The bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to change the name of the "Paralyzed Veterans' Pension" to "Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension."

It goes on to define an "amputee and paralyzed veteran" as anyone who served in the military and suffered an injury which resulted in the loss or the permanent and severe or complete paralysis of two or more limbs, or being defined as having a disability compensation rating of 40% or high in two or more limbs as determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Shall take effect immediately.

Summary of Bill As Amended by A05257

The amendment makes a technical change in the definition of an "Amputee and Paralyzed Veteran" to say that at least two limbs with a 40% disability compensation rating or higher in each limb.

C. Current Law

Current law defines a paralyzed veteran but does not include amputee. It goes on to describe paralysis as a loss or loss of use of two or more extremities. This definition unintentionally allows veterans who have not lost significant use of two or more limbs to receive the pension.