

**Support to SB578 and HB 1953  
Concerning the Real Estate Tax Exemption**

I am Keith Beebe, LTC, US Army Retired and serve on the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission and its Committee concerning the administration of the Real Estate Tax Exemption (RETX) program.

After considerable review of the ways we seek to improve the administration of the Real Estate Tax Exemption program, the SVC's RETX Committee has recommended to the SVC's Legislative Committee to propose to the entire State Veterans Commission that it formally support Pennsylvania Senate Bill Number 578 which mirrors the previously introduced Pennsylvania House Bill 1953.

The Bills aim to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance further providing exemptions and special provisions that we support in administration of the Real Estate Tax Exemption program.

Thus we wanted to relay this information to you today October 25<sup>th</sup> for your meeting of the Pennsylvania Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee.

The reason is the State Veterans Commission will not hold its next meeting until December 3<sup>rd</sup>. At which time, it could officially go on the SVC's record to support Senate Bill 578 and House Bill 1953.

We wanted to inform you now, for the purpose of this meeting, of the upcoming support.

Thank you.