

HOUSE BILL NO. 416

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES FOR MONTANA RESIDENTS WHO PERFORM CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE; EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN INCOME RECEIVED BY A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2117, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 15-30-2117, MCA, is amended to read:

**"15-30-2117. Military salary, veterans' bonus, or death benefit -- exemptions.** (1) All payments made under the World War I bonus law, the Korean bonus law, and the veterans' bonus law are exempt from taxation under this chapter. Any income tax that has been or may be paid on income received from the World War I bonus law, Korean bonus law, and the veterans' bonus law is considered an overpayment and must be refunded upon the filing of an amended return and a verified claim for refund on forms prescribed by the department in the same manner as other income tax refund claims are paid.

(2) The salary received ~~from the armed forces~~ by ~~residents~~ a resident of Montana who ~~are~~ is serving on active duty in the regular armed forces and who entered into active duty from Montana is exempt from ~~state income tax~~ taxation under this chapter.

(3) The first \$5,000 of salary received by a resident of Montana under the provisions of Title 32 of the United States Code for military service in the Montana national guard is exempt from taxation under this chapter.

~~(3)~~(4) The amount received pursuant to 10-1-1114 or from the federal government by a service member, as defined in 10-1-1112, as reimbursement for group life insurance premiums paid is considered to be a bonus and is exempt from taxation under this chapter.

~~(4)~~(5) The amount received by a beneficiary pursuant to 10-1-1201 is exempt from taxation under this chapter."

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.



