

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1628

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For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION
13 FOR ARMED SERVICES MEMBERS; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE INCOME TAX
18 EXEMPTION FOR ARMED SERVICES MEMBERS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-51-301(e), pertaining to a state
24 individual income tax exemption, is amended as follows:

25 (e) The reduced tax tables cannot be used if the exemption provided
26 for in § 26-51-306 or the six thousand dollar (\$6,000) exemption provided for
27 in either §§ 26-51-306 or § 26-51-307 is claimed or if the taxpayer itemizes
28 deductions.
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-51-306 is amended as follows:

31 26-51-306. Compensation and benefits from military service.

32 (a)(1)(A) ~~No~~ For tax years ending before January 1, 2005, no member of
33 the armed services of the United States shall be liable for or required to
34 pay any income tax on the first six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of service pay
35 or allowances.

36 (B) For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2005,



1 no member of the armed services of the State of Arkansas or of the United
2 States shall be liable for or required to pay any income tax on the first
3 twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) of service pay or allowances.

4 (2) The compensation and benefits are declared exempt, to the
5 extent of the ~~first six thousand dollars (\$6,000) thereof~~ amounts provided in
6 subdivision (a)(1) of this section, from the state income tax.

7 (3) All service pay or allowances of members of the armed
8 services of the State of Arkansas or the United States in excess of ~~six~~
9 ~~thousand dollars (\$6,000) per year~~ the amounts provided in subdivision (a)(1)
10 of this section shall be subject to the state income tax, unless otherwise
11 provided for herein.

12 (4) Sections 112 and 692 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
13 as in effect on ~~January 1, 1997~~ January 1, 2005, regarding combat pay of
14 members of the armed forces and income taxes of members of the armed forces
15 on death, are adopted. The provisions contained in § 112 of the Internal
16 Revenue Code are in addition to all other provisions contained in this
17 section.

18 (b) Nothing in this section shall exempt from taxation the income of
19 these persons derived from other sources than their service pay and
20 allowances.

21 (c) The term "armed services", as used in this section, means any and
22 all members of the National Guard, Reserves, United States Army, Navy, Marine
23 Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and any and all other branches of the military
24 and naval forces or auxiliaries.

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26 SECTION 3. This act applies to tax years beginning on and after
27 January 1, 2005.

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29 /s/ Roebuck, et al
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