1	State of Arkansas
2	94th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2023 HOUSE BILL 1143
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5	By: Representative C. Fite
6	By: Senator D. Wallace
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR
10	DISABLED VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DISABLED
11	VETERANS, AND MINOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF DISABLED
12	VETERANS; TO DEFINE "HOMESTEAD" FOR PURPOSES OF THE
13	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS,
14	SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DISABLED VETERANS, AND MINOR
15	DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF DISABLED VETERANS; AND FOR
16	OTHER PURPOSES.
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19	Subtitle
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21	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED
22	VETERANS, SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DISABLED
23	VETERANS, AND MINOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF
24	DISABLED VETERANS.
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27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-3-306(a)(2), concerning the property tax
30	exemption for disabled veterans, surviving spouses, and minor dependent
31	children, is amended to read as follows:
32	(2) As used in this section;:
33	(A) "Homestead" means the:
34	(i) Dwelling that a disabled veteran, surviving
35	spouse of a disabled veteran, or minor dependent child of a disabled veteran
36	occupies as his or her principal place of residence; and

1	(ii) Up to forty (40) acres of real property
2	contiguous to the dwelling under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i) of this section if
3	the contiguous property is not being used for a commercial purpose; and
4	(B) "personal Personal property" means only those items of
5	tangible personal property used for other than a commercial or business
6	purpose.
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8	SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 1 of this act is effective for
9	assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
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