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May 19, 2003

Assembly Ways and Means

For the Record, I am Chuck Fulkerson, Director, Office of Veterans Services

AB 366:

I speak for the passage of this bill. It is a small token of appreciation this state can extend to our fellow citizens who serve in the Active Armed Forces stationed in other states. Monetarily it is a small help to balance a tight household budget on military pay. More important, it sends a strong message of home state support on a personnel daily basis to those serving in the Armed Forces in many states of the union. It is a proud reminder of connection between the young service member or woman and the home state they came from.

This is about allowing our military members from **NEVADA** the opportunity to keep a connection with **NEVADA** while being exempt from paying taxes for services and facilities they are unable to use and enjoy.

The amendment to refer to a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Benefits, (VAB) reduces the frustration suffered by the Disabled Veteran and the office staffer in Nevada county assessor's offices. This bill provides a method in which a veteran can request and receive a letter from VAB that states the highest level of disability awarded to the Veteran. Now, VAB may award veteran disability ratings at three different levels. Not all county assessors read these awards the same way. This creates a confrontational atmosphere between the county staffers and the disabled veteran. The VAB letter clearly identifies the highest level and reduces this unpleasant situation.

Nevada Veteran population is 241,612.

9.51% or 22, 976 veterans receive VAB compensation

3,776 veterans would be affected by the passage of this amendment.

ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS
DATE: 5-29-03 ROOM: 3137 EXHIBIT C
SUBMITTED BY: Office of Veterans' Services

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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April 24, 2003

In Reply Refer To: 354/21-23
CSS xxx xx xxxx

Dear Mr/Mrs./Ms. Disabled Veteran:

The following letter is furnished for your use in obtaining Nevada State Tax Exemption.

This certifies that the records of the Department of Veterans Affairs shows that Joe R. Veteran is:

- rated at 100 (or whatever the combined rating of disability reflects) percent for his service-connected disability.
- permanently and totally disabled due to service connected disabilities.

If you have any questions, call us toll-free by dialing 1-800-827-1000. Our TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-829-4833. *If you call, please have this letter with you.*

Sincerely yours,

A. Bittler

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