

---

---

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§651-       Veterans disability benefits; exemption. (a)

5 Federal disability benefits awarded to veterans for service-  
6 connected disabilities pursuant to Title 38 United States Code  
7 chapter 11:

8           (1) Are exempt from the claim of creditors;

9           (2) Are not subject to attachment, levy, or seizure under  
10 any legal or equitable process, as provided by federal  
11 law;

12           (3) May not be awarded to any other person.

13           (b) This section shall not apply to that portion of  
14 service-connected disability benefits that is subject to child  
15 and spousal support enforcement under Title 42 United States  
16 Code section 659(h) (1) (A) (ii) (V)."

17           SECTION 2. This Act shall not apply to any action filed  
18 before its effective date.



# H.B. NO. 1218

1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

3

INTRODUCED BY:

*K. Zell*  
*[Signature]*  
*Nanni Nouri*

JAN 25 2011



**Report Title:**

Veterans Disability Benefits; Attachment; Exemption

**Description:**

Exempts federal veterans disability benefits from seizure to enforce a court judgment, except for certain child and spousal support cases.

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

