



**MESSAGE FROM MARSHA**  
**House District 19, State Representative**

**DISABLED VETS HAVE A JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE FOR PROPERTY TAX BREAK!**

Dear Disabled Military Veterans:

The citizens of Colorado appreciate the sacrifices of our military veterans and their families. To express our gratitude the voters approved a measure referred to them by the Legislature last election.

In November of 2006, the voters approved Referendum E that allows disabled veterans to apply for a property tax break, but time is running out to get those applications in! Disabled veterans with military service related conditions who are homeowners have until July 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for a break on their property taxes beginning with the taxes due for 2007.

Referendum E allows a qualified disabled veteran to get annual exemption on half of the first \$200,000 of a home's market value.

Colorado State officials have estimated that close to 2,237 veterans may be eligible for this property tax break. It is projected that our disabled veterans may get an average \$466 reduction in 2007 property taxes.

TO QUALIFY, a veteran's disability must be rated as 100 percent permanent and total by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The disabled veteran must have owned and occupied the home as his or her primary residence since Jan. 1, 2007. Unlike the state's property tax exemption for seniors, the exemption for disabled military veterans does not have a 10-year residency requirement.

**This two-step process for getting the new tax exemption must be completed by July 1, 2007!**

Here are the steps:

A completed application, along with a copy of the Veterans Affairs document verifying the disability, must be mailed, faxed or delivered to the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs, 7465 E. First Ave., Suite C, Denver 80230. That agency's fax number is 303-343-7238.

Instructions and applications can be downloaded from the Colorado Division of Military & Veterans Affairs at <http://www.dmva.state.co.us>, click on Division of Veterans Affairs, click on Property Tax Exemption, and download the instructions and application! If you do not have access to the internet please call The Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs at 303-343-1268 immediately to process your application.

I wish to personally thank all of our veterans and their families for the many sacrifices they have made for our freedoms and liberties! You will always be remembered!

Please feel free to call me at 719-238-5600 or email me at [MarshaLooper@hughes.net](mailto:MarshaLooper@hughes.net) if you have any questions or comments regarding this exemption.

Respectfully,

Marsha Looper