

HOMESTEAD ACT RED TAPE CUT

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAS SECURED A DETERMINATION FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING THE WEST VIRGINIA HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ACT.

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT, "THE WEST VIRGINIA HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ACT IS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT PERSONS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE, AND THOSE WHO ARE TOTALLY DISABLED."

THE ACT EXEMPTS TAXES FOR THE FIRST \$10,000 OF ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE OWNED BY SUCH INDIVIDUALS.

RAHALL OBSERVED HOWEVER, "TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS, WHO ARE UNDER THE CARE OF A FULL-TIME VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DOCTOR, HAVE BEEN HINDERED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO RECEIVE A TAX BREAK BECAUSE OF SOME UNNECESSARY RED TAPE."

AFTER HAVING CONTACTED THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESSMAN RAHALL REPORTED, "TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO SEND THE APPROPRIATE FORMS TO THE REGIONAL VA OFFICE IN HUNTINGTON, WHERE THE FORMS WILL BE SIGNED BY A VA DOCTOR ON THE DISABILITY RATING BOARD. THE EXEMPTION FORMS WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE PROPER COUNTRY ASSESSOR."

CONGRESSMAN RAHALL POINTED OUT THAT HIS FOUR DISTRICT OFFICES IN BECKLEY, BLUEFIELD, LOGAN AND HUNTINGTON, "STAND READY TO ASSIST VETERANS IF THEY HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE."

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