

FISCAL NOTE

May 1, 2025

Bill No:	SB 534	Printer's No:	505	Sponsor:	J. Ward
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2024-25	2025-26
General Fund	0	\$1 million

SUMMARY: This bill increases the pension amount of blind, amputee, and paralyzed veterans in Pennsylvania.

ANALYSIS: HB 534 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to increase the Blind Veterans Pension and the Amputee and Paralyzed Veteran Pension for every eligible participant from the current \$150 to \$180 per month. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) determines eligibility for the pensions.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Blind Veterans Pension currently serves 98 veterans, and the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension serves 2,345 veterans for a total of 2,443 individuals served. DMVA predicts a 15% increase in participation, which would be approximately 2,809 participants. To increase pensions by \$30 for each eligible participant for 12 months, DMVA would need an additional \$1 million each year, approximately \$83,333 for each month the pension increase is in effect.