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Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to respectfully request that the Town of Bolton consider adopting an ordinance to implement the municipal option provided under Section 241 Public Act 25-168 (HB 7287) for the 10/1/2026 Grand List.

Adoption of this municipal option would allow the Town to grant a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse—while such person remains a widow or widower—of an individual who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that the surviving spouse is a resident of the municipality. A biennial application to the Assessor is required.

I respectfully request that this matter be placed on the agenda for discussion and consideration at the next available meeting of the Board. I would be happy to provide any additional information or research that may assist in the review of this proposal.

Thank you for your time, service, and dedication to our community.

*Sincerely,
Rachel Clark*



Town of Bolton

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June 25, 2025

To: Bolton Board of Selectmen
From: Assessor's Office, Kara J. Fishman, Assessor
Re: Changes in Legislation Affecting Veterans under Public Act 25-168

In the 2024 legislative session, Public Act 24-26 added CGS Section 12-81(83), permitting the exemption of the dwelling house of a 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled veteran. If the veteran does not own his residence, the exemption would apply to a motor vehicle.

Public Act 25-168 (HB 7287) was passed at the 2025 legislative session, adding municipal options to this program and requiring an application process. Based on the prior interest of the BOS in this subject, I wanted to summarize these changes in case the Board wants to implement any of the municipal options for the 2025 Grand List year.

Section 233: Adds CGS 12-81(83)(E), for a municipal option to exempt up to 2 acres of the lot upon which the house is located, in addition to the dwelling exemption.

Adds CGS 12-81(83)(F), a municipal option to exempt the dwelling of the surviving spouse of a 100% permanently and totally disabled veteran who died prior to 10/1/2024 and after a date specified by the town, so long as the spouse remains unmarried.

Adds CGS 12-81(83)(G), a municipal option to limit the exemption under 12-81(83) to the median assessed value of residential dwellings in the town for that Grand List year. "Residential" is not defined but could be limited to the median assessed value of single family dwellings.

Section 235: Requires an annual application form, to be provided by OPM, for the exemption under 12-81(83), requiring the veteran to attest that the exemption is only being requested in one municipality in CT.

Section 240: Provides a municipal option to exempt persons that are totally disabled and unable to work (unemployable) but without the 100% disability rating from the VA. Also allows a municipal option to exempt the dwelling of the surviving spouse of a totally disabled and unemployable veteran who



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died prior to 10/1/2024 and after a date specified by the town, so long as the spouse remains unmarried.

Section 241: Municipal option to exempt the dwelling of the surviving spouse of a person killed in action while on active duty. An application form prepared by the Assessor is required biennially to be filed by October 1. The application must be accompanied by the attestation of two disinterested persons indicating the veteran was active duty when killed in action, which must be filed with the Town Clerk. There are additional municipal options to exempt up to 2 acres of the lot upon which the house is located, in addition to the dwelling, and the option to exempt the median assessed value of residential dwellings instead of the actual dwelling assessment.

Section 242: Municipal option to exempt the dwelling of the parent of a person killed in action. The exemption is income-based and can be up to \$25,000 above the unmarried income level allowed for the Additional Veterans exemption. The Additional Veterans has a maximum income limit of \$45,200 for unmarried persons on the 2025 GL.

Please let me know if you want additional information.