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House of Representatives, March 12, 2013

**An Act To Make Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Applications
Confidential**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico.
Cosponsored by Senator TUTTLE of York and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CASAVANT of Biddeford, COTTA of China,
CROCKETT of Bethel, DION of Portland, HARVELL of Farmington, VEROW of Brewer,
Senator: BURNS of Washington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶G,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. Z, is
3 further amended to read:

4 G. Any person who desires to secure exemption under this subsection shall make
5 written application and file written proof of entitlement on or before the first day of
6 April, in the year in which the exemption is first requested, with the assessors of the
7 place in which the person resides. Notwithstanding Title 1, chapter 13, an application
8 and proof of entitlement filed pursuant to this paragraph is confidential and may not
9 be made available for public inspection. The assessors shall thereafter grant the
10 exemption to any person who is so qualified and remains a resident of that place or
11 until they are notified of reason or desire for discontinuance.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill exempts from the freedom of access laws applications and supporting
14 documentation filed by a person seeking an exemption from property tax provided to a
15 veteran or the family of a deceased veteran.