SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

## CHAPTER 296

## (House Bill 114)

AN ACT concerning

## Property Tax - Exemption - Surviving Spouse of a Veteran

FOR the purpose of exempting a dwelling house from the property tax under certain circumstances if the dwelling house is owned by a surviving spouse of a veteran who receives Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; altering certain definitions for purposes of a certain property tax exemption; providing a certain period for certain surviving spouses to apply for a certain exception exemption; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a veteran.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 7-208

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Tax - Property

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- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
  - (2) (I) "Disabled veteran" means an individual who:
- [(i)] 1. is honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the armed forces; and
- [(ii)] 2. has been declared by the Veterans' Administration to have a permanent 100% service connected disability that results from blindness or other disabling cause that:
- [1.] A. is reasonably certain to continue for the life of the veteran; and
- [2.] B. was not caused or incurred by misconduct of the veteran.