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**MEMORANDUM**

Senate Bill 09-276, concerning a suspension of the property tax exemption for seniors, was sent to the Governor yesterday for his signature. We are not anticipating a veto from the Governor. The bill can be viewed on-line at: [SB 09-276](#).

As finally adopted by the General Assembly, the bill eliminates only the senior exemption benefit and only for tax year 2009, payable in 2010. The disabled veteran exemption remains in place. (As originally introduced the bill would have eliminated both the senior and disabled veteran exemptions for tax years 2009 and 2010.)

The Division of Veterans Affairs recently informed us that it has received calls from taxpayers who claimed they were informed by counties that the bill temporarily eliminates the disabled veteran exemption. Please ensure that your staff members understand the bill as finally passed affects only the senior exemption and only for 2009.

In spite of the one-year suspension of the senior exemption, taxpayers who may qualify for the senior exemption should still be encouraged to apply. Counties should continue to process new applications and revocations. Instructions for revoking exemptions are found in ARL Volume 2, page 3.49. You may also have current recipients of the senior exemption who believe that they also qualify for the disabled veteran exemption. If this is the case, they need to apply for the disabled veteran exemption and if approved ask that their senior exemption be revoked so that they do not appear to be attempting to get both exemptions.

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