



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Assembly Bill 1249 allows property owned by veterans' organizations to receive a full property tax exemption for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes.

Last year, I signed SB 1458, which expanded eligibility for the disabled veteran's property tax exemption. In 2014, I signed SB 1113 which extended the statute of limitations for a veteran with a 100 percent service disability to claim a disabled veteran's property tax exemption refund from four to eight years. Earlier this year, I signed SB 3 to put a \$4 billion bond before the voters that, if passed, would continue a long-standing statewide program that provides home loans to qualified veterans.

We have taken steps to expand eligibility for the property tax exemption in appropriate ways for our veterans. This bill, however, allows an already generous property tax benefit to be expanded on a larger scale. I am, therefore, returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.