



Eligible Pennsylvania Veterans are Encouraged by DMVA to Apply Now for Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension

By Senator Lisa Boscola

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) wants veterans who may qualify for a monthly pension through the state's Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension program to apply now.

Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Pennsylvania veterans who qualify for the pension receive \$150 per month. Currently, there are 2,400 veterans across the commonwealth enrolled in the program.

To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- have been a resident of Pennsylvania upon entering the military;
- have received Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions discharge; and
- have a service-connected disability rating of 40% or higher in each of two or more limbs (arms/hands or legs/feet) as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

To apply, Pennsylvania veterans should contact their County Director of Veterans Affairs in the county they reside. More information about the DMVA Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Program can be found at Pension Program.

Purchasing an 'Honoring Our Women Veterans' License Plate Recognizes Women Who Served and Supports PA's Veterans' Trust Fund

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Honoring Our Women Veterans License Plate As Senator Boscola gets ready to host her annual Veterans Outreach Day, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) wants to remind drivers that purchasing an Honoring Our Women Veterans License Plate both recognizes the importance of women who served and supports programs assisting women veterans in Pennsylvania.

Each plate costs \$40, with \$15 going directly to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund (VTF). The VTF regularly issues grants to statewide charitable organizations assisting veterans service organizations and county directors of veterans affairs. The grants are used to aid veterans in need of shelter, essential goods and other services.

Pennsylvania has nearly 64,000 women veterans that have made significant contributions to our military, nation, and communities and it is with great pride that we recognize their commitment to our country with a special license plate created in their honor. Purchasing one of these special plates not only pays tribute to women veterans and their contributions, but a portion of the proceeds helps to fund the Veterans' Trust Fund grants that support all veterans across the commonwealth.

The Honoring Our Women Veterans license plate is available for passenger cars or trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

Additionally, Honoring Our Veterans license plates for passenger cars, trucks with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds, and motorcycles are available for \$38 each, with \$15 from each plate also going to the VTF.

In addition to the sales of these license plates, there are a variety of programs designed to help fund the VTF in support of Pennsylvania's more than 700,000 veterans. To learn more about how to purchase these plates and support the VTF, visit www.vtf.pa.gov or follow DMVA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/padmva.



Senator Lisa Boscola Celebrates The Full Implementation Of Several Multistate Health Care Compacts In Pennsylvania

By Senator Lisa Boscola

HARRISBURG, June 23, 2025 – State Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) today applauded the Shapiro Administration's announcement that Pennsylvania will fully implement the multistate licensure compacts for nurses, physicians, and physical therapists beginning July 7.

Pennsylvania currently licenses more than 300,000 nurses, about 65,000 doctors, and more than 17,000 physical therapists.

"This is a huge win for Pennsylvania's health care workforce and for patients who need timely access to care," Boscola said. "When I sponsored the Nurse Licensure Compact in 2021, I knew it would help address long-term workforce shortages, but full implementation makes that promise real."

Boscola credited Governor Josh Shapiro and his administration for making the compacts a reality.

"I do not believe we would be at this point without Governor Shapiro's leadership," Boscola added. "His team worked diligently to navigate the federal and technical hurdles that had delayed implementation for years. They got it done, and I commend them for it."

As Chair of the Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee, Boscola worked with the Republican majority and House committee leaders to pass key bipartisan reforms last session that cleared the path for full implementation.

"This especially benefits the Lehigh Valley, where many providers cross state lines to live, work, or train," Boscola said. "Now we can keep more of our homegrown talent here in Pennsylvania."

Interested nurses, physicians, or physical therapist applicants can contact Senator Boscola's office at 610-868-8667 or visit the Pennsylvania Department of State's website: www.dos.pa.gov for guidance on how to apply beginning July 7.

PA VETConnect

By Senator Lisa Boscola

PA VETConnect The pathway to a better means of serving Pennsylvania's more than 640,000 veterans. The objectives of PA VETConnect, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), are simple: determine the needs of veterans and their beneficiaries, find resources that meet those needs, and connect veterans with those resources. The DMVA has staff living and working in communities across the commonwealth who are doing just that on a daily basis. ?

Through PA VETConnect, veterans and veteran advocates have access to the commonwealth's premier information and referral database, compiled specifically to improve the lives of service members, veterans, and their families. The free database is populated with valuable information and resources that will help County Directors of Veterans Affairs and other veteran advocates facilitate delivery of the best possible services to veterans, their families and their beneficiaries. Resource areas include benefits, employment, financial assistance, mental wellness and substance use, post-traumatic stress, and more.

