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Local Law No. 11 of the year 19 97.

A local law entitled, "Veterans Maximum Exemption as Authorized by Chapter 477..."
(Insert Title)

of the Laws of 1996 of the State of New York

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County
~~City~~ of Hamilton as follows:
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SECTION 1: This local law shall be entitled, "Veterans Maximum Exemption as Authorized by Chapter 477 of the Laws of 1996 of the State of New York".

SECTION 2: Legislative Intent and Purposes:

A. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Hamilton finds and determines that the sacrifices and services provided by Veterans in protecting this country should be acknowledged by providing certain tax exemptions

B. By Chapter 477 of the Laws of 1996 the New York State Legislature amended subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law authorizing the adoption of a local law to increase the maximum tax exemptions for veterans.

C. The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt maximum tax exemptions for veterans as authorized by Chapter 477 of the Laws of New York for 1996.

SECTION 3: Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed eighteen thousand dollars or the product of eighteen thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ration, whichever is less.

SECTION 4: In addition to the exemption provided by Section 3 of this local law, where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operation, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the

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SECTION 4: In addition to the exemption provided by Section 3 of this local law, where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operation, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ratio, whichever is less.

SECTION 5: In addition to the exemptions provided by Sections 3 and 4 of the local law, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veteran's Administration or from the United States Department of Defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty percent of the Veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars or the product of sixty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, which is less. For the purposes of this local law, where a person who served in the active military, naval or air service during a period of war died in service of a service connected disability, such person shall be deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of one hundred percent.

SECTION 6: This local law granting the maximum tax exemption for Veterans as authorized by chapter 477 of the Laws of 1996 of the State of New York shall take effect and apply to the 1997 Hamilton County assessment rolls to be used in computing the 1998 County tax, and shall continue to apply to the Hamilton County Assessment rolls thereafter until amended.

SECTION 7: This local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.