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Ultimately, I could not support the budget, which was crafted without Democratic input. I believe a budget should reflect a responsible Biennial State budget.

The budget uses $1.7 billion of unsustainable funding gimmicks to try to make up the massive deficit the governor created. At a time when the state needs to explore new revenue sources to help move its economy forward and take the burden off the middle class, the other side of the aisle has employed some tricky math that will hurt all Pennsylvanians in the long run.

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by visiting www.dmv.state.pa.us and clicking on the American identification card can immediately apply for the designation that veterans, who have a retired designation, which requires 20 to 30 years of service, can receive at a lower fee. If veterans want the designation before their next renewal, they must pay the next date of renewal of their license or ID card. If veterans are Pennsylvania veterans, they may receive veterans cards for free. The designation – an American flag with the words “VETERAN” in red letters on it – is offered as an option on the Pennsylvania driver’s license or ID card.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is now offering Pennsylvania veterans the ability to participate in a program that will allow them to prove their veteran's designation on their driver's license or ID card. Children of Pennsylvania veterans who have died in active service can also have the veteran's designation added to their driver's license or ID card. Applications for the veteran's designation can be submitted through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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Pennsylvania veterans now have an easy way to prove their service to obtain benefits or get a discount on certain purchases. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is now offering a veteran identifier to Pennsylvania drivers who have served in the United States military. The designated star and flag sticker will be affixed to their driver’s license. 

The veteran designation is available to eligible veterans who have served or are still serving in the armed forces and who were honorably discharged from active duty. As of now, the designation can only be applied for online. When the veteran designates their service, they will need to apply for a Pennsylvania driver’s license or ID card with the designation already added. It will automatically appear each time the license or ID is renewed.

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The veteran designation is available to eligible veterans who renew their driver’s license or ID card. Any veteran who has served or is serving in the armed forces and wants the designation before their next renewal, they must pay the renewal fee. If the designation has been added, it will automatically appear each time the license or ID is renewed.

The way this works is needed because the military generally provides a veteran status that within 20 to 30 years. Many people serve their country for several years, and their license or ID is renewed.

The designation – an American flag with the words “veteran’s designation” – will appear on the license or ID as well as on the cover page of a veteran’s driver’s license. To participate, please call (814) 835-2880 if you have any questions about this service.

Veterans holding a non-commercial driver’s license or identification card may apply for the veteran designation by calling the Pennsylvania Motor Agency at 1-800-932-7612 or by visiting any PennDOT office.

Preserving Our Heritage

The Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society is now the rightful owner of three historic sites in Erie County – Fort LeBoeuf Museum, Judson House and Washington Monument Park. Corbett recently signed into law legislation I was proud to co-sponsor. Gov. Tom Corbett is now the rightful owner of three historic sites in Waterford. Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society is now the rightful owner of three historic sites in Waterford.

The maximum property tax or rent rebate for most qualifying homeowners is $500. There are companies that offer to help with your application for a fee. I would urge you to contact the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to obtain the application. I also encourage you to call 1-800-932-7612 and ask for a free veterans assistance at district office.

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Appointee to House Insurance Committee

I am pleased to report that earlier this year, House leadership appointed me to serve on the House Insurance Committee. In this capacity, I am proud to introduce important legislation that can help current and retired Pennsylvanians with medical costs.

I continue to work with my colleagues and our veterans courts. Pennsylvania has one of the largest veteran populations in the country. In 2011, more than 1,000 veterans used the services of a veterans court in Pennsylvania. This is just a small way of saying thank you to veterans, and I encourage you to visit these sites – which is a great success.

I want to alert you to House rules 95 and 96, which prohibit you from talking to anyone, please contact the state Attorney General’s Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-232-1217.

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