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Ordered by Bill Number

SB 0116 **Veterans** by Burgess

Veterans; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a study that includes a survey evaluating the extent to which specified persons are aware of certain existing programs or services; requiring the department to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States Department of Defense for a specified purpose; revising the purpose of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program to include specialized mental health training; requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a plan to establish adult day health care facilities across this state to serve veterans and their families, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$350,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

03/19/2025 HOUSE In Messages

HB 0277 **Veterans' Benefits Assistance** by Albert

Veterans' Benefits Assistance: Prohibits person from receiving compensation for referring individual to another person for advising, assisting, or consulting on veterans' benefits matters; authorizes compensation for services rendered during specified period only; requires that persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters for compensation provide specified disclosures before entering into business relationship with client; prohibits providers who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters from charging certain fees; prohibits charging of interest on payment plans; provides requirements in event of death of veteran claimant; provides security requirements for handling of veteran's personal & account information; requires provider to successfully complete specified background screening; provides that violation is deceptive & unfair trade practice which may be subject to specified penalties. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/16/2025 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

HB 0301 **Suits Against the Government** by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & exceptions. Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/16/2025 SENATE Received; Referred to Rules

HB 0313 **Toll Exemptions for Purple Heart Medal Recipients** by Fabricio

Toll Exemptions for Purple Heart Medal Recipients: Revises eligibility for toll exemptions to include operators displaying Purple Heart specialty license plate or Purple Heart special motorcycle license plate Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/25/2025 SENATE Received; Referred to Fiscal Policy

SB 0348 Ethics by Gaetz

Ethics; Prohibiting candidates, elected public officers, appointed public officers, and public employees from knowingly misrepresenting their Armed Forces of the United States service records, awards, or qualifications or wearing any uniform, medal, or insignia that they are not authorized to wear; requiring the Attorney General to attempt to determine whether an individual owing certain penalties is a current public officer or public employee, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/28/2025 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/25

HB 0399 Ethics by Maney

Ethics: Prohibits candidates, elected public officers, appointed public officers, & public employees from knowingly misrepresenting their Armed Forces of United States service records, awards, or qualifications or wearing any uniform, medal, or insignia that they are not authorized to wear; provides civil penalties; provides that certain penalties are delinquent if they aren't paid to Commission on Ethics within specified timeframe; requires Attorney General to attempt to determine whether individual owing certain penalties is current public officer or public employee; requires Attorney General to notify CFO or governing body of county, municipality, school district, or special district of total amount of any such penalty owed by current public officer or public employee; requires CFO or governing body to begin withholding portions of any salary-related payment that would otherwise be paid to officer or employee; requires that withheld payments be remitted to commission until penalty is satisfied; authorizes CFO or governing body to retain portion of each retained payment for administrative costs; authorizes Attorney General to refer certain unpaid fines to collection agency; authorizes collection agency to use any lawful collection method; authorizes Attorney General to collect unpaid fine within specified period after issuance of civil penalty or restitution penalty. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/08/2025 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 0400 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children by Wright

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Repealing a provision relating to the future repeal of the compact, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

03/27/2025 HOUSE In Messages

SB 0402 Unlawful Use of Uniforms, Medals, or Insignia by Wright

Unlawful Use of Uniforms, Medals, or Insignia; Prohibiting persons from wearing the uniform of or any medal or insignia authorized for use by members or veterans of the Space Force, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

03/27/2025 HOUSE In Messages

SB 0574 Toll Exemptions for Purple Heart Medal Recipients by Collins

Toll Exemptions for Purple Heart Medal Recipients; Revising eligibility for toll exemptions to include operators displaying a Purple Heart special license plate or a Purple Heart special motorcycle license

plate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

04/11/2025 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

SB 0788 Veterans' Nursing Homes by Truenow

Veterans' Nursing Homes; Defining the term "veteran- and spouse-designated nursing home beds"; authorizing the executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to approve requests to create or modify veteran- and spouse-designated nursing home beds if certain conditions are met; authorizing the department to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/28/2025 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0797; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0797

HB 0797 Veteran and Spouse Nursing Home Beds by LaMarca

Veteran and Spouse Nursing Home Beds: Authorizes certain licensed skilled nursing facilities to request to designate or alter designation of certain beds as veteran & spouse nursing home beds if specific criteria are met; authorizes executive director of DVA to approve such requests if specific criteria are met; authorizes DVA to adopt rules; specifies conditions under which certain state veterans' nursing homes or certain licensed skilled nursing facilities are exempt from having to receive certificate of need from AHCA. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/28/2025 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

HB 0829 Toll Discounts for Veteran-owned Businesses by Spencer

Toll Discounts for Veteran-owned Businesses: Provides discount for certain veteran-owned businesses on required payment of tolls for use of toll facilities; provides requirements for veteran-owned business to qualify for exemption; provides requirements for discount; requires Florida Turnpike Enterprise in coordination with Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs & Department of Management Services to administer discount program; establishes two-year pilot program & reporting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: House Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee

Actions

03/19/2025 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/21/25, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

HB 0845 Veterans Affairs by Maney

Veterans Affairs: Revises admissions process for veterans treatment court programs; authorizes court, in consultation with multidisciplinary team, to determine eligibility for veterans treatment court programs; authorizes sentencing courts to divert defendants to veterans treatment court programs; requires certain notice be provided to defendants; provides for disposition of probation or community control violations by program participants. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/24/2025 SENATE Received; Referred to Fiscal Policy

SB 0910 Veterans' Benefits Assistance by Collins

Veterans' Benefits Assistance; Prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for referring an

individual to a provider for advising, assisting, or consulting on any veterans' benefits matter; requiring that persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters for compensation provide a specified oral and written disclosure before entering into a business relationship with a client; prohibiting a provider who advises, assists, or consults on veterans' benefits matters from charging certain fees; requiring a provider to ensure that individuals who directly assist a veteran in a veterans' benefits matter complete a specified background screening before entering into an agreement with a veteran for veterans' benefits matters, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/28/2025 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/29/25

HB 1043

Veterans by Plakon

Veterans: Revises maximum number of nominees for Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame; requires DVA to conduct study that evaluates extent to which specified persons are aware of certain existing programs or services; revises requirements of specified report; requires that specified report include evaluation of health literacy of veterans & recommendations on how to increase knowledge of programs & services; requires DVA to ensure coordination with United States Department of Defense for specified purpose; authorizes DVA to engage county & city veteran service officers for assistance; revises purpose of Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program; requires pilot program participants to be trained to identify indicators of elevated mental health risk; requires DVA to contract with organization developing & implementing certain mental health training; requires Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to advise DVA on needs of certain military personnel & their spouses; revises collaborators of Veterans Employment & Training Services Program; requires DVA to develop plan to establish adult day health care facilities; requires that such plans include specified information; requires report to Legislature; revises authorized use of specified percentage of proceeds from sale of specified specialty license plate. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/17/2025 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 1241

Veterans by Redondo

Veterans: Revising provisions related to Florida is for Veterans, Inc., Veterans Employment & Training Services Program, grants, filing & license fees for veterans, & veteran courts. Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Current Committee of Reference: House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

Actions

03/05/2025 HOUSE Now in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee

SB 1464

Veterans' Assistance by Wright

Veterans' Assistance; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs, subject to appropriation, to expand programs connecting veterans and their families and survivors to certain services, benefits, and support; requiring the department to host public events for such purpose; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

Actions

03/19/2025 SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

SB 2514

Health and Human Services by Appropriations

Health and Human Services; Authorizing certain dental and dental hygiene students to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program before obtaining active employment; revising the definitions of the terms "cancer center" and "Florida-based"; defining the term "Cancer Connect Collaborative" or "collaborative"; requiring the collaborative to review all submitted Cancer Innovation Fund grant

applications using certain parameters; requiring the Department of Health to appoint peer review panels for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

04/10/2025 SENATE In returning messages
