

Virginia Military Advisory Council Meeting-Thursday, June 26th, 2014

Veteran/Military-related Bills - 2014 General Assembly Session

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BILLS APPROVED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR

Bill Number	Title	Chief Patron
SB18	Unemployment compensation; a good cause for voluntarily leaving employment is to accompany military spouse who has received a new military assignment.	Locke
HB759/SB11	Requires the State Board of Elections to provide instructions, procedures, and security measures for the secure return by electronic means of voted absentee military-overseas ballots from uniformed-service voters outside of the United States.	Rust/Puller
HB411/SB138	Vehicle safety inspection approval; increases grace period (from 5 business days to 14 calendar days) for certain members of armed services on active duty.	Anderson/Barker
HB46	Real property tax exemption for spouses of soldiers killed in action. The surviving spouse must not be re-married and must occupy real proeprty as primary residence. Voter eferendum at the 11/4/14 election to approve or reject amendment.	Ramadan
HB44	Creates a separate personal property tax classification for a motor vehicle owned or leased by a uniformed member of the Virginia Defense Force (Virginia's military reserve) and used by the uniformed member of the VDF to respond to his official duties.	Cole
HB62	Disposal of solid waste fees; Southampton County; 100% service connected, disabled veterans exempt from these fees.	Tyler
HB132	Adds the departments of emergency management, emergency services, public safety, and disaster management to the list of departments at state institutions of higher education in which commissioned officers of the organized militia and the Governor's military staff may receive instruction for a period not exceeding 10 months without being required to pay any fee or charge for tuition.	Lingamfelter
HB187/SB508	Exempt organization's use of property owned by another; permits any locality to exempt any real or personal property the legal title, not held by a nonprofit entity but subject to the sole use and occupancy of a nonprofit entity, as long as the nonprofit entity uses such property solely to (i) exhibit or display certain military aircraft to the general public or (ii) use such aircraft for educational purposes	Knight/Wagner

HB263/SB135	Allows disabled veterans who have been honorably discharged to receive special license plates that are already developed for certain branches of the United States armed forces. The bill also makes a technical change by moving the Coast Guard plate from an Act of Assembly to the Code of Virginia and removes authorization for issuance of special license plates that were authorized in 2013 but did not meet minimum order requirements.	Scott/Newman
HB354	Allows the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) to directly advise General Assembly members on veterans issues and programs.	Cox
HB559/SB546	Authorizes a locality to appropriate such sums of money and real and personal property as it may deem proper to the Virginia Defense Force, when that organization is maintained within the limits of the locality.	Anderson/Ruff
HB576/SB481	Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program; residency requirements; service member through whom one claims eligibility had to have had a <i>physical presence</i> in Virginia for at least 5 years prior to submitting application	Stolle/Puller
HB580	Clarifies that the exemption from licensure requirements for active duty military health care providers applies to active duty health care providers providing health services at any public or private health care facilities in accordance with their official military orders.	Stolle
HB730/SB381	Public Safety, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, Secretaries of; transfer of certain powers. Renames the two Secretariats to Public Safety and Homeland Security and Veterans and Defense Affairs.	Lingamfelter/Reeves
HB776	Waives the requirement that entitlement to in-state tuition must exist for the one-year period prior to the date of the alleged entitlement for spouses of certain military members who were killed in action, are missing in action, or are prisoners of war.	Wilt
*HB929/SB376	For the purposes of exemptions granted to emergency vehicles in certain situations, the term "emergency vehicle" shall include any Virginia National Guard Civil Support Team vehicle when responding to an emergency.	Greason/Reeves
HB971/SB399	Virginia National Guard; Department of Military Affairs (DMA) shall provide information to the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) of a member undergoing discharge, etc.	Anderson/Reeves
HB991	Hunting and fishing licenses; nonresident 100%, service-connected, disabled veterans allowed to purchase lifetime licenses.	Cline

HB1009	Changes name of Va. Workforce Council to Va. Board of Workforce Development. Board is required to establish a military transition assistance committee that will work (i) improve the integration of the federal Local Veterans Employment Representative Program and the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program into all Virginia Workforce Centers and (ii) reduce process and qualification barriers to training and employment services.	Byron
HB1157	Members of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps are not considered Virginia residents, simply by being stationed in the Commonwealth, in terms of serving as a juror (members of the Navy, Army, and Air Force already included).	Leftwich
HB1247	Reduces from 30 to 20 days the allowable application review period after which a regulatory board within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the Department of Health Professions or any other board named in Title 54.1 will be required to issue a temporary license to certain military spouses while the board completes its review	Filler-Corn
SB177	Expands the definition of "service dog", beyond mobility impairment, to include dogs trained to assist persons suffering from a physical, sensory, intellectual, developmental, or mental disability or mental illness.	Reeves
SB328	Surgical technologists and surgical assistants; certification and licensure. The Board shall register as a registered surgical assistant any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence that he has successfully completed a surgical assistant training program during the person's service as a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.	Barker
SB516	Provides that private employers may grant preference in hiring and promotion to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran with a service-connected permanent and total disability. The measure applies only to veterans who are honorably discharged. The measure provides that granting such preference does not violate any local or state equal employment opportunity law.	Wagner
* - not mirror bills; same bill concept; identical minus a few words		
COUNT: 32 (19 HB, 13 SB)		
Total Bills Introduced: 71		