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2017-2018 Summary of Legislation

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Veteran and Military-Related Bills

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Introduction

This publication contains information about bills introduced into the California State Legislature during the 2017-2018 biennial legislative session. Prepared by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, the publication lists all significant bills, which pertain to veterans and military affairs.

Many of the listed bills were introduced in 2017 and were fully enacted that year by the Legislature and Governor, while others were only partway through the legislative process at the end of 2017. Most of those “partway” bills, often called “two-year bills,” were still alive and continued to be considered during 2018, the second year of the biennial session. In early 2018, members of the Senate and Assembly also introduced more bills.

Whether “two-year bills” introduced in 2017 or new “one-year bills” introduced in 2018, all measures had to be passed by both houses of the Legislature and signed by the Governor prior to the end-of-year legislative deadlines in late 2018.

How to Use This Information

For more detailed information on a given bill, you may go to the Senate’s Internet home page at <http://senate.ca.gov/>

Once there, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the FIND LEGISLATION button. You then will be able to search for a given bill and review the following:

- Full text of the proposed law.
- How all legislators voted on the measure in committee or on their house floor.
- The legislative history of the bill (when introduced, each committee stop, all votes, etc.)
- All published committee and floor analyses on the measure. (Explains in lay language what the bill does, who it affects, estimated costs, organizations that support or oppose the bill, etc.)
- How current law would be changed if the proposed law is enacted.
- Current status of the bill at this moment in its legislative lifecycle.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

The California State Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs consists of seven senators appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The Committee Chair oversees the agenda of each hearing, directly supervises each hearing, and directs the Committee staff.

The Committee's responsibilities are as follow:

1. To consider legislative measures, pertaining to military and veterans issues, which may be referred to the Committee for review and vote; to help modify (by amendment) the bills, and to vote on whether the measures should continue on in the legislative process.

Adopted by the entire 40-member Senate, Senate Rule 12 establishes every Senate standing committee and their jurisdictions. Senate Rule 12 states that the Committee on Veterans Affairs shall consider bills "relating to veterans, military affairs, and armories" . . . and bills "amending the Military and Veterans Code."

2. To perform legislative oversight of existing executive branch agencies and programs that implement ongoing military and veteran programs previously enacted into law by the Legislature. This includes holding oversight and information hearings on issue areas that fall within the Committee's assigned jurisdiction. The Veterans Affairs Committee has direct oversight of all programs managed by:
 - a. The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), which manages programs such as the CalVet Farm and Home Loan Program and the network of eight state veterans homes; and
 - b. The California Military Department, which oversees the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, State Active Duty program, Oakland Military Institute (charter school), California Cadet Corps, Youth ChalleNGe programs, and which coordinates with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) in emergency response to natural disasters and civil unrest.
 - c. The Committee also oversees veteran-related programs managed by other agencies – including, for example, the veteran employment programs managed by the Employment Development Department, the statewide Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) program centrally administered by the Department of General Services, the various veterans educational benefits provided by California public institutions of higher education (UC, CSU, community colleges), and the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) program jointly administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Housing Finance Agency, and CalVet.

On the Committee's home page at <http://svet.senate.ca.gov/>, you may review current and historical agendas for bill and oversight hearings. Most have audio and/or video available.

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**Annual Summary and Status:
Bills Pertaining to Veteran and Military Affairs**

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ASSEMBLY MEASURES

AB 85 (Rodríguez)

General assistance: employable veterans.

This bill requires counties to exclude an eligible employable veteran from the existing prohibition against receiving general assistance/general relief (GA/GR) for more than three months in any 12-month period. The bill also allows a county to opt out of the extended eligibility period for GA to eligible veterans by enacting an ordinance, by July 1, 2018, stating that an eligible veteran is subject to the three month limitation.

- Senate Veterans Affairs – Held w/o vote. Died.

AB 153 (Chávez)

Military fraud.

This bill modifies the language of the California Stolen Valor Act to conform to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013.

- Enacted - Chapter 576, Statutes of 2017.

AB 172 (Chávez)

Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of armed forces members.

This bill expands the current eligibility for resident classification extended to enrolled dependents of an Armed Forces member who transfer or retire to include admitted dependents of the Armed Forces member, for purposes of determining postsecondary institution tuition and fees.

- Enacted - Chapter 165, Statutes of 2017.

AB 226 (Cervantes & Chávez)

Teacher credentialing: spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces: expedited application process.

The bill requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to grant or deny a completed application for a credential within seven days of receipt if the applicant holds a valid teaching credential in another state and is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state.

- Enacted - Chapter 436, Statutes of 2017.

AB 242 (Arambula & Patterson)

Certificates of death: veterans.

This bill requires a certificate of death to indicate whether the deceased person was a member of the Armed Forces so that the Department of Public Health may compile data on veteran suicides.

- Enacted - Chapter 222, Statutes of 2017.

AB 296 (Quirk-Silva)

Task force: health of women veterans.

This bill requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to study the health of California women veterans.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 331 (Eggman & Gloria)

County recorders: veterans: recorded documents.

This bill requires county recorders to record any military discharge document, including a veteran's service form DD214, and maintain it in a nonpublic index.

- Enacted - Chapter 399, Statutes of 2017.

AB 353 (Voepel)

Employment policy: voluntary veterans' preference.

This bill enacts the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act and authorizes a private employer to establish a veterans' preference employment policy.

- Senate Judiciary Committee – Failed passage; reconsideration granted. Died.

AB 360 (Muratsuchi)

The State Bar: pro bono legal assistance: veterans.

This bill requires the State Bar to administer a program to coordinate pro bono civil legal assistance to veterans and their families who otherwise cannot afford legal services.

- Enacted - Chapter 401, Statutes of 2017.

AB 363 (Quirk-Silva)

Driver's licenses: veteran designation.

This bill prohibits the Department of Motor Vehicles from charging the one-time \$5 fee to a person applying for a driver's license or identification card with a veteran designation if the applicant is eligible to obtain an original or replacement card at a reduced fee or is homeless and can verify his or her status as such.

- Enacted - Chapter 579, Statutes of 2017.

AB 365 (Muratsuchi)

Pupil instruction: coursework and graduation requirements: children of military families.

This bill extends to students from military families certain rights regarding exemptions from local graduation requirements and acceptance of partial credit which are currently afforded to other groups of highly mobile students.

- Enacted - Chapter 739, Statutes of 2017.

AB 376 (Chávez)

Veterans benefits: veteran farmers or ranchers

This bill requires by July 1, 2018, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, CalVet, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to post information on their respective Web sites to assist, educate, train, and otherwise support California's military veterans to enter into farming or ranching careers in California.

- Enacted - Chapter 188, Statutes of 2017.

AB 386 (Gonzalez-Fletcher)

Legal services for deported veterans.

This bill requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), subject to annual funding, to provide legal services to deported veterans through a contract, as specified. This bill authorizes CDSS to include post-conviction relief services to deported veterans appropriated fund, to accept donations from private foundations and other philanthropic entities to expand the number of individuals who may be provided legal services, as specified.

- Senate Third Reading – Inactive File. Died.

AB 427 (Muratsuchi)

California Aerospace and Aviation Commission.

This bill establishes the California Aerospace and Aviation Commission (Commission) within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to support and serve as a central point of contact for businesses engaging in the aerospace and aviation industries in California.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 431 (Bigelow)

Armories: homeless shelter.

This bill generally requires the Adjutant General (TAG) of California, upon request by a county or city, to make state-owned militia armories available to serve as temporary shelter for homeless persons from October 15 to April 15 each year.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 463 (Salas)

Student financial aid: Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

This bill makes various programmatic changes to the Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE). Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC), commencing with the 2017-18 fiscal year, to issue 7,200 new APLE warrants.
- 2) Amends the definition of “eligible school” to mean one that meets, among others, any of the following criteria: a percentage of unduplicated pupils or serves a rural area.
- 3) Eliminates the requirement that an eligible school must rank in the lowest two deciles on the Academic Performance Index (API).
- 4) Requires that an applicant teach in a shortage area, as determined by the SPI.
- 5) Amends the provision allowing loan forgiveness of \$1,000 per year for those who teach math, science or special education by eliminating the requirement that the school is in the lowest 60 percentile of the API.
 - Assembly Appropriations –suspense file, held. Died.

AB 513 (Voepel)

State Military Reserve: uniform and travel costs.

Existing law authorizes a combined uniform and travel allowance to be paid to each volunteer member of the State Military Reserve or Naval Militia, on or before the last day of the month following the volunteer member’s completion of one year of satisfactory service in the State Military Reserve or Naval Militia, and annually thereafter following the completion of any subsequent full year of satisfactory service. Existing law set the amount of this allowance at \$125 per year. This bill increases the amount of that allowance to \$225 per year.

- Assembly Veterans Affairs – Hearing canceled at request of author.

AB 528 (Gray)

Personal income taxes: exclusion: military retirement pay.

This bill excludes from gross income, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and before January 1, 2023, retirement pay from the federal government for military service. The exclusion is limited to those military veterans whose gross income, excluding military retirement pay, is \$50,000 or less.

- Assembly Appropriations –suspense file, held.

AB 547 (Chávez)

California Prompt Payment Act: disabled veteran business enterprises.

This bill requires state agencies to pay properly submitted, undisputed invoices from a disabled veteran business enterprise (DVBE) that is also a small business (SB) within 30 days of receiving the invoice and makes invoices from dually-certified DVBE/SBs that are not paid within 30 days subject to penalty rates similar to those already paid to SBs.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 559 (Santiago)

Community colleges: enrollment fee waiver.

This bill requires the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges, by January 1, 2019, to ensure that students at every community college can complete and submit the BOG fee waiver application electronically.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held.

AB 632 (Acosta)

Small Business Procurement and Contract Act: small business and disabled veteran business enterprises.

This bill increases the maximum amount for which a state agency can directly contract with a certified small business or a DVBE from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held.

AB 665 (Levine)

Military personnel: veterans: resentencing: mitigating circumstances.

This bill allows a veteran or member of the military who is serving a sentence currently to petition for resentencing if the person can show that he or she suffered from one of specified conditions as the result of the military service, as specified.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held.

AB 671 (Chávez)

Veterans: services.

This bill authorizes a veterans memorial district to provide services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families, including, but not limited to, counseling, case management, and employment training and placement.

- Enacted - Chapter 197, Statutes of 2017.

AB 737 (Baker & Melendez)

California Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Modifies and/or extends certain provisions relating to the listing of names on the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the existence and operation of the Memorial Committee.

- Assembly Veterans Affairs – hearing canceled at request of author. Died.

AB 741 (Cervantes)

Community colleges: veterans.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at the campuses they operate. This bill expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation creating an articulation platform for the California Community Colleges to facilitate the transition of recent veterans to state institutions of higher education.

- Assembly Business & Professions – held w/o hearing.

AB 865 (Levine)

Military personnel: veterans: resentencing: mitigating circumstances.

This bill allows a person who was sentenced on a felony conviction prior to January 1, 2015, and who is, or was, a member of the United States military and who may be suffering from specified mental health problems as a result of his or her military service, to petition for a recall and resentencing.

- Enacted - Chapter 523, Statutes of 2018.

AB 961 (Quirk-Silva)

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program.

This bill tightens the existing monitoring and accountability requirements for state procurement activities related to the DVBE targeted procurement program.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 973 (Low)

Remote accessible vote by mail system.

This bill requires a county elections official to permit a voter with a disability, or a military or overseas voter, to cast his or her ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail system. Provides that these provisions do not apply to a county that conducts an election using vote centers, instead of polling places, pursuant to the California Voter's Choice Act. Provides for these provisions to become operative on January 1, 2020.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 974 (Quirk-Silva)

Mental Health Services Act: reporting veterans spending.

This bill requires counties to report their Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) expenditures spent on mental health services for veterans to the Department of Health Care Services and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (the Commission).

- Enacted - Chapter 411, Statutes of 2017.

AB 986 (Gallagher)

Hunting and sport fishing licenses: sport fishing license duration: reduction in license fees for veterans.

This bill requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce the fees required to obtain hunting licenses and various sport fishing entitlements for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States. Additionally, this bill requires sport fishing licenses to be issued for 12 consecutive months.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 998 (Grayson)

Veterans homes: Internet Web site.

This bill requires transparency and modernization of the admissions and waiting list policies for CalVet Veterans Homes. Specifically, it:

- 1) Requires CalVet to create an admissions page on its Internet Web site for the purpose of increasing transparency in the process for admission to the homes.
- 2) States that the admissions page must incorporate all of the following:
 - a) An online application option for veterans seeking admission to a home.
 - b) A user-friendly wait list showing an applicant's current spot on a home's wait list relative to other applicants, updated whenever there is a change, and with a mechanism that preserves applicant privacy.

- c) Contact information for an applicant to ask for assistance regarding the process.
- d) Information on the number of veterans currently on the wait list for each level of care at each home.
 - After introduction, amended to address an unrelated (non-veteran) subject matter.

AB 1013 (Low)

Remote accessible vote by mail system.

This bill permits voters with a disability, or a military or overseas voter, to cast a ballot using a certified remote accessible vote by mail (VBM) system, as specified.

- Enacted - Chapter 906, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1051 (Chávez)

Teacher credentialing: spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces: expedited application process.

This bill requires the commission to grant or deny an application for a credential within 14 days of the date that the commission received the application if the applicant supplies the commission with evidence that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state, as provided, and holds a valid teaching credential in another state, district, or territory of the United States.

- Assembly Education – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 1057 (Weber)

Armories: sales: San Diego Armory.

This bill requires the Director of DGS, with the approval of the TAG, to offer an option to purchase a portion of the California Military Department's San Diego Armory, as specified, to the San Diego Center for Children (SDCC), a nonprofit organization.

- Enacted - Chapter 147, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1249 (Gray)

Property taxation: exemptions: veterans' organizations.

This bill extends the application of the "veterans' organization" property tax exemption to real property owned by certain veterans' organizations and used for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes, as specified, excluding the bar area.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 1275 (Irwin)

Department of Veterans Affairs: monitoring outcomes for veterans: Director of Employment Development: disclosure of information.

This bill requires CalVet to develop outcome and related indicators for veterans to help assess the status of veterans and veteran services in order to improve services.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 1314 (Irwin)

County mental health services: veterans.

This bill declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would simplify the process and reduce the burden placed on veterans seeking mental health services and require the counties to cooperate with federal agencies, as specified, to seek reimbursement after providing mental health services to veterans. This bill requires a county to provide mental health services to any veteran who requests treatment, without regard to his or her status as a veteran or eligibility for health services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any other federal health care provider. The bill specifies that a veteran seeking treatment by a county is not required to first seek health services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any other federal health care provider before receiving treatment from the county.

- Assembly Health – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 1355 (Bocanegra)

State parks: fees.

This bill authorizes a state park fee waiver for students of the California Cadet Corps or of a public military academy. Specifically, this bill authorizes the State Parks Department to waive all fees for the use, including camping where permitted, of any unit of the state park system by students of the California Cadet Corps or of a public military academy in exchange for completing a community service project at the unit that has been approved in advance by state park officials and staff of the California Cadet Corps or the academy.

- Enacted - Chapter 212, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1362 (Irwin)

Veterans bond acts.

This bill enacts the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2017 to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$300,000,000 an unspecified amount to provide additional funding for the VHHPA. The bill provides for the handling and disposition of the funds in the same manner as the 2014 bond act. The bill also enacts the Veterans Farm and Home Bond Act of 2017 to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$300,000,000 an unspecified amount to provide additional funding for that

program. The bill provides for the handling and disposition of the funds in the same manner as the 2008 bond act.

- Assembly Housing & Community Development – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 1365 (Reyes)

Veterans homes: planning strategy.

This bill requires annual financial reporting, as specified, on the state veterans homes by CalVet, and regular review and planning on the use of veterans homes.

- Enacted - Chapter 509, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1403 (Oberholte)

Military and overseas voters.

This bill permits a military or overseas voter who has moved after the closing date of registration to register to vote. Specifically, it:

1) Permits a military or overseas voter to apply in person to the voter's elections official for permission to register after the closing date of registration if the military or overseas voter is required to move under official active duty military orders after the closing date of registration.

2) Requires an elector who seeks permission to register pursuant to this bill to furnish a copy of his or her official military orders in order to be registered.

- Enacted - Chapter 797, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1618 (Cervantes)

Veteran service providers.

This bill establishes a competitive grant program for California veteran service providers (VSPs) and a process for certifying VSPs which apply to participate in the competitive grants.

- Enacted - Chapter 416, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1709 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

Armories: sales: local agencies.

This bill amends the current armory sale process to require that an armory be offered for sale to a local agency, as defined, prior to being offered for sale to private entities or individuals.

- Enacted - Chapter 304, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1477 (Brough)

Veterans' preferences: voluntary policy.

This bill:

- 1) Enacts the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans' preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly to hiring decisions, to give a voluntary preference for hiring or retaining a veteran over another qualified applicant or employee.
- 2) Provides that the granting of a veterans' preference pursuant to the bill, in and of itself, shall be deemed not to violate any local or state equal employment opportunity law or regulation, including, but not limited to, the antidiscrimination provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.
- 3) Revises the existing veteran status provision in the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to remove references to discrimination on account of sex and to Vietnam War-era veterans, and, instead, provides that nothing in that act relating to discrimination affects the right of an employer to use veteran status as a factor in hiring decisions if the employer maintains a veterans' preference employment policy established in accordance with the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act.
 - Assembly Veterans Affairs – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 1618 (Cervantes)

Veteran service providers.

This bill:

- 1) Establishes a competitive grant program, to be administered by the department with existing funds, as defined, for purposes of awarding grant moneys to certified California veteran service providers for purposes of providing supportive services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families, as specified.
- 2) Requires competitive grants to be awarded in support of the state's strategic plan for providing veterans with transition assistance. The bill requires the department to adopt regulations to implement the program and to define criteria for supporting the state's strategic plan.
- 3) This bill establishes a certification process for California veteran service providers, as defined, applying for the competitive grants. The bill requires an applicant for certification to provide specified information to the department upon application and, after certification, on request and reasonable notice by the department.
 - Enacted - Chapter 416, Statutes of 2017.

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- Enacted - Chapter 304, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1710 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

Prohibited discrimination against service members.

This bill expands existing protections for military servicemembers in their civilian workplaces to include protection against hostile work environments.

- Enacted - Chapter 591, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1711 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

State military reserve personnel: leave benefits.

This bill grants to members of the State Military Reserve the right to be granted military leave, rights and benefits accrued during that service, and reinstatement after that service by their appointing power on the same basis as members of the California National Guard or other military reserve personnel.

- Enacted - Chapter 92, Statutes of 2017.

AB 1786 (Cervantes)

Community colleges: academic credit for prior military experience.

This bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor's Office to establish an initiative to expand the use of credit for students with prior learning.

- Enacted - Chapter 530, Statutes of 2018.

AB 1869 (Choi)

Military diversion: restitution.

This bill authorizes the court, when a defendant consents to be placed in the veterans' pretrial diversion program, to order the defendant to pay restitution to any victim of the crime. The bill authorizes the use of funds in the Restitution Fund for a new purpose, thereby making an appropriation.

- Assembly Public Safety – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 1873 (Obernolte)

Driver's licenses: veteran designation.

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to waive the one-time \$5 fee charged to a person applying for a veteran's designation to be displayed on their driver's license or identification (ID) card.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 1883 (Weber)

Child care and development services.

This bill excludes the basic allowance for housing (BAH) for certain military households from being counted as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for subsidized child care and changes certain requirements related to the administration of alternative payment programs (APPs).

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 1908 (Chávez)

Memorial districts.

This bill requires that the annual financial report – which, under existing law, is required annually from veterans memorial districts (VMDs) – to include additional information about district funding distributed to providers of supportive services.

- Enacted - Chapter 183, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2135 (Acosta)

Vehicles: Gold Star Family license plates.

This bill allows Gold Star Family license plates to be issued as personalized plates, as specified.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 2170 (Choi)

Veterans education and training: California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education.

This bill requires the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education to provide for the certification of nanodegree for completing certain vocational education programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics concentrations for veterans returning from military service on or after September 11, 2001, offered by

California institutions of higher education as part of their participation in veterans education and training programs authorized by the federal Higher Education Act.

- Assembly Higher Education – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 2254 (Lackey)

Property tax: exemption

This bill expands the Disabled Veterans' Exemption by exempting fully from property tax the personal residence of an eligible disabled veteran or his or her unmarried surviving spouse.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2295 (Voepel)

Medi-Cal: veterans: home- and community-based services.

This bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to submit a waiver application or a state plan amendment for home and community based services (HCBS) pursuant to federal Medicaid law and b) establishes an entitlement to enroll in HCBS for specified and otherwise eligible military veterans, active duty service members, and their dependents.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2325 (Irwin)

County mental health services: veterans.

This bill prohibits eligible California veterans from being denied county mental or behavioral health services while waiting for a determination of eligibility for, and availability of, services provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Clarifies that existing law prohibiting veterans from being denied county mental health services includes whether or not the person is eligible for services provided by the VA.

- Enacted - Chapter 128, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2394 (Brough)

Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services: retirement pay.

This bill excludes, for taxable years 2018 through 2027, retirement pay received from the federal government for services in “uniformed services,” as defined, from gross income.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2439 (E. Garcia)

Official state LGBTQ Veterans Memorial.

This bill establishes the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ) Veterans Memorial at Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City as the official state LGBTQ veterans memorial.

- Enacted - Chapter 172, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2521 (Quirk-Silva)

Reservists: active duty: deferment of financial obligations.

This bill requires a mobilized military reservist (or designee), in order to invoke the protections of the California Military Families Financial Relief Act (CMFFR Act), to deliver a written request, which may be via electronic communication, for a deferment of financial obligations to the obligor. This bill removes the existing requirements that the request be by signed letter and under penalty of perjury.

- Enacted - Chapter 79, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2568 (Reyes)

County jails: veterans.

This bill requires county jails, upon detention of a person, to ask if the person has served in the U.S. military, document the person's response, and make this information available to the individual, their counsel, and the district attorney.

- Enacted - Chapter 281, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2590 (Chen)

Personal income taxes: exclusion: servicemembers.

This bill excludes from gross income any basic pay received by a servicemember in the United States Armed Force (U.S. Armed Forces), in the reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, or in the National Guard, while he or she is on military orders for 90 or more consecutive days. This exclusion is available for taxable years beginning in 2018 through 2027.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2607 (Berman)

Veterans: Medical Foster Home Pilot Program.

This bill:

- 1) Authorizes, as a pilot project until January 1, 2020, a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) facility to establish medical foster homes (MFH) for older and medically frail veterans that are not subject to licensure or regulation under the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act. This bill conditions establishment of MFHs upon satisfaction of federal requirements, the USDVA facility establishing the home agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of the California State Auditor, and that caregivers and specified individuals residing in the home register as independent home care aides and submit fingerprints and related information to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for background checks as well as a signed declaration regarding any prior criminal convictions to the Department of Social Services (DSS).
- 2) States legislative intent that the California State Auditor, through a request to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, conduct an audit evaluating the pilot program created by this bill.
 - Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2722 (Medina)

Student financial aid: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program

This bill changes the name of the “California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program” (CNG EAAP) to the “Military Department GI Bill Award Program,” adds eligibility criteria, provides that an award may be used to obtain a baccalaureate, graduate or doctoral degree, and removes the sunset on this program.

- Enacted - Chapter 547, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2737 (Aguiar-Curry)

Veterans’ homes: Yountville.

This bill requires all revenue generated from employee housing on the campus of the Yountville Veterans’ Home to be deposited into a continuously appropriated fund maintained by the home’s administrator for the maintenance, rehabilitation, and restoration of the Yountville campus.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 2762 (Carrillo)

Public contracts: disabled veteran business enterprises: local small business enterprises: social enterprises.

This bill authorizes, until January 1, 2024, a local agency in specified counties to offer two additional categories of procurement preferences, including a DVBE preference and a social enterprise preference; and increases the maximum value of a single procurement preference from 5% to 7% of the lowest responsible bid statewide.

- Enacted - Chapter 654, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2790 (Irwin)

Veterans: Internal Audits for Veterans Affairs.

Creates an office of Internal Audits for Veterans Affairs within CalVet.

- Vetoed by Governor.

AB 2801 (Salas)

Crimes: memorials: veterans and law enforcement.

This bill provides a cross-reference to Military and Veterans Code section 1318 related to vandalism of veterans memorials in Penal Code section 621 related to vandalism of law enforcement and firefighter memorials.

- Enacted - Chapter 549, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2870 (Eggman)

Military: National Guard: youth challenge program: counselors.

This bill grants authority to the TAG to appoint a member of the State Military Reserve (SMR), who has a bachelor's degree in psychology or social work, to serve on State Active Duty (SAD) status as a counselor in the state's National Guard Youth Challenge program. (This bill exempts an employee filling this particular SAD position from the general requirement of two years of prior service in the SMR.)

- Enacted - Chapter 84, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2894 (Gloria)

Postsecondary education: students called to active military duty during an academic term.

This bill provides postsecondary students an additional course of action when they are called to active military duty during an academic term and must withdraw from a course. (Permits a student – who has completed at least 75% of the academic term –to request a

faculty member assign a grade for the course based on the work the student has completed. Authorizes the faculty member to make the final decision on whether to grant the student's request.)

- Enacted - Chapter 346, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2949 (Gloria)

Pupil residency: pupils of military families.

This bill requires that a student who is the child of a military family be allowed to remain in his or her school of origin for the duration of the school year regardless of any change of residence of the military family or the end of military service of the pupil's parent.

- Enacted - Chapter 327, Statutes of 2018.

AB 2991 (Cervantes)

Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services.

This bill defines a workload unit for purposes of these provisions to mean a specific claim activity that is used to allocate subvention funds to counties, which is approved by CalVet, and performed by county veterans service officers (CVSOs). The bill appropriates on an annual basis the sum of \$7,000,000 from the General Fund to CalVet to be available for allocation to counties to fund the activities of CVSOs, as specified.

- Assembly Higher Education – held w/o hearing. Died.

AB 3128 (Chen)

Personal income tax: credit: disabled veteran: service dog.

This bill creates a Personal Income Tax (PIT) credit worth 50% of qualified costs, not to exceed \$1,500, incurred by a disabled veteran, as defined, for owning a service dog. This credit is available for taxable years starting in 2019 through 2028.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 3209 (Frazier)

Property tax: exemption: principal residence: disabled veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.

This bill exempts from property tax the principal residence of any person eligible for the disabled veterans' exemption.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

AB 3212 (Irwin)

Service member protections

This bill expands the classes of federal military and state militia members who receive specified civil liability protections; extends duration of existing protections following military service as specified; adds a category of debt to existing protections that cap interest rates for members called to active duty, as specified; and expands existing provisions allowing members who have been called to active duty to seek release from lease obligations, among other changes.

- Enacted – Chapter 555, Statutes of 2018.

AB 3251 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

Armories: lease or sale.

This bill authorizes the Director of DGS, with the approval of the TAG, to sell specified armories throughout the state subject to specified provisions, including the deposit of the sale proceeds into the Armory Fund.

- Enacted - Chapter 726, Statutes of 2018

ACR 41 (Bonta)

Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day.

This resolution designates April 9, 2017, and every April 9 thereafter, as Bataan Death March Veterans Commemoration Day.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 40, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 67 (Aguiar-Curry)

Veterans' Memorial Highway.

This resolution designates the portion of State Route (SR) 29 in the City of Yountville from Darms Lane to Yount Mill Road as the Veterans' Memorial Highway.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 159, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 70 (Salas)

Staff Sergeant Ricardo "Ricky" Barraza Memorial Highway.

This resolution designates a portion of State Route 43 in the City of Shafter in the County of Kern as the Staff Sergeant Ricardo "Ricky" Barraza Memorial Highway.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 134, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 79 (Salas)

Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

This resolution recognizes May 2017 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month and encourages all residents of the state to take some time during May to honor and recognize the dedication and sacrifice of the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 71, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 82 (Chávez, et. al.)

Armed Forces Day

This resolution honors and recognizes the service and sacrifice made by members of the Armed Forces and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Day on May 20, 2017.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 82, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 110 (Gloria)

City of San Diego's Naval Training Station.

Designates specified exits on Interstate 5 (I-5) as the routes for reaching the historic Naval Training Station in the City of San Diego.

- Senate Rules – Pending referral.

ACR 112 (Choi)

Korean American veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

This resolution commends Korean American veterans of the Vietnam conflict for their service to the United States.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 201, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 114 (Bloom)

World War I commemoration.

This resolution proclaims support for the mission of the California World War One Centennial Task Force, by designating the time period between August 5, 2017, and November 11, 2018, inclusive, to be observed as the commemoration period of the 100th anniversary of the United States' involvement in World War I.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 149, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 120 (Salas & Acosta)

Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

This resolution proclaims September 24, 2017, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 169, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 136 (Melendez)

September 11, 2017.

This measure would recognize September 11, 2017, as a day of solemn commemoration and extend the Legislature's deepest sympathies to the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 213, Statutes of 2017.

ACR 151 (Voepel)

Gubernatorial appointments: military service.

This resolution makes findings about the specific and unique qualifications of current military service members and veterans, and the value of both to state boards, councils and commissions, and encourages the Governor to appoint more veterans and current military members to those bodies.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 120, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 184 (Bigelow)

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

This resolution designates the portion of State Route (SR) 88 from the Nevada state line to five miles southwest in Alpine County as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 148, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 190 (Salas)

Blue Star Mothers of America Month.

This resolution recognizes May 2018 as Blue Star Mothers of America Month in California, as specified. (Pertains to mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, grandmothers, or the legal guardians of a person who is serving in the Armed Forces.)

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 81, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 192 (Salas)

Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day.

This resolution proclaims September 30, 2018, as Gold Star Mothers' and Families' Day in California. (Gold Star Mothers and Families are those who have lost family members during service in the Armed Forces.)

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 173, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 230 (Reyes)

Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.

This resolution designates the portion of State Route (SR) 215 from West Orange Show Road to Barton Road in San Bernardino County as the Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 156, Statutes of 2018.

ACR 280 (Mathis)

Legislature: Wounded Warrior Program.

This resolution honors the achievements of the federal Wounded Warrior Program and encourages the Assembly Committee on Rules to study the potential of implementing similar programs in the Legislature.

- Held at Assembly Desk. Died.

AJR 5 (Medina)

Military Lending Act.

This resolution urges Congress to prevail upon the United States Department of Defense (DOD) to realign its criteria for the safe harbor provision in the federal Military Lending Act (MLA) by eliminating the requirement that creditors collect social security numbers from prospective borrowers.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 207, Statutes of 2017.

AJR 22 (Low)

Transgender service members.

This resolution urges Secretary of Defense James Mattis to allow transgender individuals to serve in the United States military and calls on Governor Brown to direct the California National Guard and other state military forces to take no action that discriminates against transgender service members, unless required by federal law or formal directive from the United States Department of Defense.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 209, Statutes of 2017.

AJR 32 (Mathis)

Armed Forces: retirement age.

This resolution urges the President and Congress of the United States to stop this unfair treatment of a vital community within our Armed Forces by eliminating the age requirement for retirement that relatively disadvantages members of the Reserves and National Guard.

- Held at Assembly Desk. Died.

HR 45 (Holden)

Desegregation of the Armed Forces.

This resolution recognizes July 26, 2017, as the 69th anniversary of the desegregation of the United States Armed Forces.

- Adopted by the Assembly.

SENATE MEASURES

SB 3 (Beall)

Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018.

This bill enacts the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 and authorizes the issuance of \$4 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds for affordable housing programs and a veteran's home ownership program, subject to approval by the voters in the November 6, 2018 election.

- Enacted - Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017.

SB 14 (Gaines)

National Guard: bonuses: tax reimbursement.

This bill:

- 1) Creates a grant program to repay members of the National Guard who paid taxes on an enlistment bonus awarded on or after January 1, 2004, and before January 1, 2011, that the member was required to repay.
 - 2) Provides a grant in the amount equal to the taxes that the member paid on that bonus. This bill requires the Franchise Tax Board to create an application for this grant program, and would appropriate, from the General Fund to the Franchise Tax Board, the amount necessary to fund the grants and the administration of this grant program and the exclusion described below.
 - 3) The Personal Income Tax Law provides for various exclusions from gross income, including state income tax refunds and rewards received from a government authorized crime hotline. This bill excludes from gross income the amount granted to the member of the National Guard that is equal to the amount of taxes paid on an enlistment bonus that was repaid.
- Held at Senate Desk. Died.

SB 27 (Morell)

Professions and vocations: licenses: military service.

This bill requires every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a waiver of the application and the initial licensing fee to an honorably discharged veteran.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held.

SB 151 (Nguyen)

Property tax postponement.

This bill requires every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a waiver of the application and the initial licensing fee to an honorably discharged veteran.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 156 (Anderson)

Military and veterans: transition assistance: citizenship.

This bill requires CalVet and California National Guard to provide specified assistance to military-affiliated noncitizens, as specified, to help them acquire United States citizenship.

- Enacted - Chapter 497, Statutes of 2017.

SB 197 (Bates & Atkins)

Sales and use taxes: exemption: military and veteran medical facilities.

This bill establishes a sales and use tax (SUT) exemption for building materials and supplies purchased by a qualified nonprofit, or a contractor or subcontractor working with a qualified nonprofit, for use in the construction of a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facility or a medical facility located on a United States military base. This exemption applies to purchases made between April 1, 2017 and January 1, 2023.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 266 (Dodd)

Armed service members: consumer loans.

This bill updates provisions of the Banking Law, Credit Union Law, Finance Lenders Law, and Deferred Deposit Transaction Law to reflect new federal lending rules applicable to members of the military and their dependents.

- Enacted - Chapter 514, Statutes of 2017.

SB 330 (Berryhill)

Building permit fees: waiver.

This bill permits a locality to waive or reduce all building permit fees for improvements to the home of a veteran with a qualifying disability that are made to accommodate that disability.

- Enacted - Chapter 281, Statutes of 2017.

SB 339 (Roth)

Veterans treatment courts: Judicial Council assessment and survey.

This bill requires the Judicial Council, contingent upon funding, to conduct a statewide study of veterans and veterans treatment courts, as specified, and to report its findings to the Legislature.

- Enacted - Chapter 595, Statutes of 2017.

SB 404 (Stone)

Property taxation: senior and disabled veterans.

This bill (1) eliminates the inflation adjustment for the principal place of residence of income-eligible veteran taxpayers over the age of 65, and (2) expands to a full exemption the current partial disabled veterans' property tax exemption.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 408 (Nguyen)

Income taxes withholding: exemption: active duty residents.

Existing law requires every employer who pays wages to an employee for services performed in this state to withhold from those wages specified income taxes, with certain exclusions, including an exclusion from withholding wages, salaries, fees, or other compensation paid by a corporation for services performed in the state for that corporation to a nonresident corporate director for director services. Existing law authorizes the Franchise Tax Board to impose specified requirements for withholding of those taxes. This bill excludes also from withholding wages, salaries, fees, or other compensation paid to a resident of the state while he or she is in active military duty.

- Senate Governance & Finance – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 409 (Nguyen)

Veterans' homes: services: complex mental and behavioral health needs.

This bill requires CalVet to conduct a survey to assess the ability of veterans' homes to assist veterans with complex mental and behavioral health needs and to develop a plan to accommodate that population.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 410 (Nguyen)

Civil service: veterans' hiring preference: active duty members.

This bill modifies the State Civil Service Act for the purpose of assisting active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces in applying for veterans' preference in state hiring. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Authorizes the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) or the designated appointing authority to use a document signed by the applicant's commanding officer of the military to verify the applicant's military service.
- 2) Requires CalHR, before an active-duty applicant enters state service with the benefit of the veterans' preference, to require a DD214 military discharge form as proof of eligibility for veterans' preference.
 - Enacted - Chapter 237, Statutes of 2017.

SB 411 (Nguyen)

State military reservists: service awards.

This bill establishes the State Military Reserve and Naval Militia Length of Service Award Act and makes a \$100,000 appropriation to provide a monthly award to qualified volunteers in the State Military Reserve or the Naval Militia, as specified.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 455 (Newman)

Pupil enrollment: military dependents.

This bill amends the residency requirements for dependents of active-duty military personnel, by specifying that dependents of military personnel meet the residency requirement for attending a school, if the parent is transferred or pending transfer to any military installation in California.

- Chapter 239, Statutes of 2017.

SB 485 (Nielsen)

State veterans homes.

This bill requires CalVet to:

- 1) Adopt statewide policies and procedures, by regulation, for operation of the state veterans home system;
- 2) Implement a statewide electronic health records system; and
- 3) Correct and update outdated terminology and references within the portion of the Military and Veterans Code that governs state veterans' homes.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 694 (Newman)

California Community Colleges: Veteran Resource Centers.

This bill requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to ensure that each of its campuses provides a dedicated on-campus Veteran Resource Center that offers services to help student veterans transition successfully from military life to educational success.

- Assembly Veterans Affairs – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 725 (Jackson)

Veterans: pretrial diversion: driving privileges.

This bill specifies that a trial court can grant military pretrial diversion on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs (DUI).

- Enacted - Chapter 179, Statutes of 2017.

SB 728 (Newman)

State public employees: sick leave: veterans with service-related disabilities.

This bill permits state employees – who are members of the National Guard or federal military reserves – who return to state service from active military mobilization with service-connected disabilities, to receive 96 hours of additional, pre-banked sick leave dedicated to treatment of those conditions.

- Enacted - Chapter 596, Statutes of 2017.

SB 731 (Newman)

Public school employees: former or current members of the Armed Forces of the United States or California National Guard: leave of absence for illness or injury.

This bill grants to current classified and certificated school employees – who are former active duty members of the United States Armed Forces or who are former or current members of the National Guard or a federal military reserve component, and who have a qualifying service-connected disability – additional, pre-banked paid leave to undergo medical treatment for their service-connected disabilities.

- Enacted - Chapter 597, Statutes of 2017.

SB 747 (Newman)

State military: officer commissions.

This bill repeals the requirement that commissioned officers of the California National Guard must reside within California in order to retain their state military commissions, and generally authorizes CalGuard officers to transfer to other reserve organizations after they make permanent changes of address outside of California.

- Enacted - Chapter 221, Statutes of 2017.

SB 776 (Newman)

Corrections: veterans' benefits.

This bill (1) requires CalVet to assign employees to state prisons to assist incarcerated veterans in applying for and receiving federal benefits for which they may be eligible, and (2) requires CalVet and the Department of Corrections to grant the CalVet employees access to computer systems and incarcerated veterans as necessary for the performance of their duties, while taking specified safety precautions.

- Enacted - Chapter 599, Statutes of 2017.

SB 924 (Morrell)

Personal income taxes: exclusion: National Guard.

This bill excludes from the Personal Income Tax Law any income received by a member of the state's active militia derived from the Emergency State Active Duty (ESAD) service. This exclusion is available for tax years 2018 through 2027.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 1007 (Hertzberg)

Sales and use taxes: exemption: military and veteran medical facilities.

This bill exempts from the state and local sales and use tax specified building materials and supplies used by a qualified nonprofit organization to construct a facility used to care for military veterans.

- Enacted - Chapter 785, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1043 (Newman)

Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services.

This bill establishes a continuous appropriation – for each fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2018 – of \$7 million from the General Fund to CalVet and makes it available for allocation to counties to fund the activities of county veterans service officers (CVSOs). This bill also designates its provisions as an urgency statute.

- Assembly Veterans Affairs – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 1071 (Roth)

Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' services.

Public postsecondary education: Chancellor of the California Community Colleges: policy to award course credit for prior military education, training, and service.

- Enacted - Chapter 560, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1137 (Vidak)

Veterans: professional licensing benefits.

This bill requires CalVet and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), in consultation with each other, to take appropriate steps to increase awareness regarding professional licensing benefits available to veterans and their spouses.

- Enacted - Chapter 414, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1175 (Berryhill)

State property: parking facilities: Purple Heart recipients.

This bill requires any state agency with a parking facility that contains 25 or more vehicle parking spaces that are available to private individuals who conduct business with the agency to reserve a parking space, free of charge, for the exclusive use of any vehicle that displays a Purple Heart special license plate.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 1179 (Newman)

Public contracts: Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program.

This bill requires an awarding department to give a prime contractor that fails to comply with specified certification requirements under current law, reasonable opportunity to comply with those requirements. In addition, this bill requires DGS, upon notification of the failure, to suspend a prime contractor from bidding on, or participating in a state contract for a period of no less than five years for a first violation, and a permanent suspension for a second violation.

- Assembly Jobs, Economic Development & Economy – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 1180 (Newman)

California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program.

This bill requires an awarding department to maintain all records of the information currently provided by a prime contractor that entered into a subcontract with a DVBE and to retain those records for a minimum of six years, as specified.

- Assembly Jobs, Economic Development & Economy – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 1304 (Roth)

Veterans: transitional assistance program: funding.

This bill authorizes CalVet to accept donations of personal property, including cash or other gifts, to be used to further the purposes of the state’s strategic plan for providing veterans with transitional assistance, as specified, or to reimburse the state for expenditures made by the state for these purposes.

- Enacted - Chapter 419, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1312 (Jackson)

State public employees: sick leave: veterans with service-related disabilities.

This bill extends eligibility for an existing benefit – “disabled veteran sick leave” – to all eligible disabled veterans serving in state employment regardless of date of hire. (Currently, the benefit is provided only to new hires.)

- Enacted - Chapter 516, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1314 (Nguyen)

Veterans’ homes: services: complex mental and behavioral health needs.

This bill requires CalVet to develop and adopt a plan, as specified, for the state veterans’ homes to assist veterans with complex mental and behavioral health needs.

- Assembly Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SB 1357 (Gaines)

Vehicles: license plates: veterans.

This bill requires CalVet to replace the “Honoring Veterans” specialized license plate with a “Veteran” specialized license plate and restricts the plate’s sale exclusively to veterans.

- Assembly Transportation – held w/o hearing. Died.

SB 1427 (Hill)

Discrimination: veteran or military status

This bill underscores that housing discrimination on account of “military or veteran status” is unlawful in California by explicitly incorporating “military or veteran status” as protected category under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA). In addition, by defining a Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) voucher as a “source of income” for purposes of FEHA, this bill prohibits landlords from refusing to rent to a prospective tenant solely because the applicant proposes to pay part or all of the rent using a VASH voucher.

- Vetoed by Governor.

SB 1435 (Dodd)

State military: officer commissions.

This bill updates archaic language in MVC Section 233 to conform to related language in MVC Section 232.5, which was updated in 2017. Specifically, the bill authorizes the Governor to refuse to accept a resignation when the officer is “mobilized for deployment on state or federal duty, or notified of impending mobilization for state or federal duty.”

- Enacted - Chapter 421, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1452 (Wilk)

War on Terror Memorial Committee.

This bill establishes the War on Terror Memorial Committee (Committee), and requires the Committee to review the feasibility and best practices for the construction of a War on Terror Memorial in or around the State Capitol Park.

- Held at Assembly Desk. Died.

SB 1500 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

Prohibited discrimination against service members.

This bill updates sections of existing law which protect military service members from discrimination in specified areas. This bill ensures that service members of all federal service branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) and all components (active, reserve, National Guard) are protected.

- Enacted - Chapter 117, Statutes of 2018.

SB 1501 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

Military and veterans: enlisted persons.

This bill updates outdated, gender-specific references in the MVC to conform to contemporary usage by the federal military. Specifically, it specifies that references to “enlisted man” or “enlisted woman” or “enlisted men” or “enlisted women” shall be deemed to refer to “enlisted person” or “enlisted persons.”

- Enacted - Chapter 118, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 4 (Nguyen)

Month of the Military Child.

Declares the month of April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child and urges all Californians, local and state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 32, Statutes of 2017.

SCA 19 (Gaines)

Property taxation: base year value transfers: qualified veterans

This bill amends the California Constitution to allow a homeowner who is a qualified veteran to transfer the base year value from an original property to a replacement dwelling. This would apply to newly constructed or replacement dwellings on or after voter approval of a subsequent ballot measure. Defines a “qualified veteran” as a person who is an honorably discharged veteran, and also who has an annual income, as defined, of less than \$50,000 if single or less than \$100,000 if married.

- Senate Appropriations – suspense file, held. Died.

SCR 4 (Nguyen)

Month of the Military Child.

This resolution declares the month of April 2017 as the Month of the Military Child, and urges all Californians, local and state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 32, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 53 (Fuller)

National Military Appreciation Month.

This resolution honors the men and women who served and are serving in our nation's military, and recognizes the month of May 2017 as National Military Appreciation Month.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 152, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 55 (Newman)

Purple Heart Day.

This resolution declares August 7, 2017, as Purple Heart Day in California. (1) The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are killed or wounded in action.)

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 176, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 53 (Fuller)

National Military Appreciation Month.

This resolution recognizes May 2017 as National Military Appreciation Month and honors the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation's military.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 152, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 55 (Newman)

Purple Heart Day.

This resolution declares August 7, 2017, as Purple Heart Day in California.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 176, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 61 (Nguyen)

Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

This resolution proclaims June 19, 2017, as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day in honor of the sacrifices, commitment, dedication, and courage of everyone who fought for the freedom of the Republic of Vietnam.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 98, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 65 (Newman)

Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

This resolution makes legislative findings and proclaims September 3, 2017, to September 9, 2017, inclusive, as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 180, Statutes of 2017.

SCR 86 (Nguyen)

Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day.

This resolution recognizes June 19, 2018, as Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day, in memory of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom and democracy and the victims of the Vietnam War, and in honor of the survivors, activists, and freedom fighters of that war.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 127, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 98 (Nguyen)

Armed Forces of the United States: active duty and retired military personnel.

This resolution honors the men and women who have served or are serving in our nation's military; and declares that men and women who choose to join the United States Armed Forces should be encouraged and commended.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 56, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 99 (Roth)

Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

This resolution proclaims September 24, 2018, to September 30, 2018, inclusive, as Military and Veteran Suicide Prevention Awareness Week in California.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 224, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 101 (Roth)

Purple Heart Day.

This resolution encourages all Californians to honor those who have served in the Armed Forces, especially those who have been wounded and received the Purple Heart, and declares August 7, 2018, as Purple Heart Day in California.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 182, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 116 (Nguyen)

Month of the Military Child.

This resolution declares the month of April 2018 as the Month of the Military Child, and urges all Californians, local and state leaders, private organizations, and businesses to observe the month by showing appreciation to the children and youth of military and veteran families, including children of the fallen, for standing by their parents and loved ones who are serving or have served as members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 45, Statutes of 2018.

SCR 144 (Fuller)

National Military Appreciation Month.

This resolution honors the men and women who have served and are serving in our nation's military, and recognizes the month of May 2018 as National Military Appreciation Month.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 102, Statutes of 2018.

SJR 23 (Newman)

Health care coverage for active military, veterans, and their families.

This resolution urges the United States Department of Defense and the United States Department of Health and Human Services to implement and the United States Congress to require, if necessary, a resolution between the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and TRICARE to immediately restore data sharing and to waive the one-year timely filing restriction for all claims caught in this stoppage.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 103, Statutes of 2018.

SJR 26 (Dodd)

Mare Island Naval Cemetery.

This resolution urges the United States Congress to act favorably in regard to legislation to have the Mare Island Naval Cemetery transferred to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and that the National Cemetery Administration restore the cemetery to national cemetery standards and provide for perpetual care of the facility as dictated by those standards.

- Adopted by the Legislature - Res. Chapter 109, Statutes of 2018.

SR 25 (Galgiani)

Women's Military History Week

This resolution recognizes “Women Warriors” by proclaiming the week of March 13, 2017, to March 19, 2017, inclusive, as Women’s Military History Week in California.

- Adopted by the Senate.

SR 49 (Bradford)

Desegregation of the Armed Forces

This resolution recognizes July 26, 2017, as the 69th anniversary of the desegregation of the United States Armed Forces.

- Adopted by the Senate.



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