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## **Report to the Veteran Community on the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Fulfilling the Requirements of Assembly Bill 62 (2015)  
Provided by the Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services

**September 1, 2019**

**1. Introduction:** This memorandum provides a full legislative report to the veteran community as required by NRS 417.103. This report, and future editions of the report, are intended to provide information regarding veterans legislation to the veteran community, and, over time, to establish a history of legislation introduced, passed, or considered that can be referenced in future policy discussions. NRS 417.103 requires the Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) to provide this report no later than September 1 following each regular session of the Legislature, and requires that the report provide details on the following:

- A description of each newly enacted statute by the Legislature which affects veterans in this State.
- A description of each bill, or portion of a bill, newly enacted by the Legislature that appropriates or authorizes money for veterans, or otherwise affects the amount of money that is available for veterans' services, including, without limitation, each line item in a budget for such an appropriation or authorization.
- A brief plan by the Director, NDVS for carrying out duties required by newly passed legislation.
- The date on which each statute and bill described in the memorandum becomes effective.

### **2. Background:**

a. For decades, NDVS has coordinated the efforts of Nevada's veterans community events by convening legislative meetings and councils to: (1) gather issues important to veterans that could be considered for a legislative bill draft request (BDR), and (2) educate veterans, their families, and their supporters so they might fully participate in the legislative process. The three events traditionally conducted are the Veterans Legislative Symposium, the Veterans Legislative Summit, and Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature.

b. During the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (2013), the United Veterans Legislative Coalition (later renamed the United Veterans Legislative Council or UVLC) was established by many of Nevada's veterans service organizations to help create a single voice, where possible, to advocate for veterans legislation. During the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, NDVS first partnered with the UVLC to conduct the Veterans Legislative Symposium, the Veterans Legislative Summit, and Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature.

c. This partnership continued during the 79<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Sessions, resulting in a greater appreciation of issues affecting Nevada veterans, active duty, guard and reserve serving in Nevada, and their family members. During the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session the UVLC Chair was Mr. Tony Yarbrough (Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nevada) and UVLC team leaders; Mr. Mitch Roach (American Legion Department of Nevada) and Mr. Andy LePeilbet (Military Order of the Purple Heart).

### 3. 80<sup>TH</sup> Legislative Session Events

a. Legislative Symposia. Reno: March 24, 2018 at the Washoe County Senior Center and Las Vegas: March 31, 2018 at the Southern Nevada VA Medical Center in North Las Vegas.

(1) The Legislative Symposia served as an opportunity to bring together various perspectives across the veteran community and to develop by vote a list of prioritized legislative recommendations. There were 71 veterans present in Reno and 89 in Las Vegas, representing 23 known veterans organizations. Also in attendance were members of the Nevada National Guard, active duty members serving at Nellis Air Force Base, family members, and other supporters.

(2) Several members of the Nevada State Legislature participated, making comments and gathering information for potential bills. Present in Las Vegas were Senators David Parks, Joyce Woodhouse, and Pat Spearman, and Assemblypersons Tyrone Thompson, Chris Edwards, Brittany Miller, and Danielle Monroe-Moreno. Present in Reno were Senator Julia Ratti, and Assemblymen Mike Sprinkle and Jim Wheeler.

(3) State-wide, 53 recommendations were identified and prioritized; 31 issues in Las Vegas and 24 issues in Reno. *(Because two identical issues were identified by both symposia, the combined state-wide list details 53, rather than 55, total prioritized recommendations.)*

(4) There were several common state-wide themes that emerged from the recommendations made at both symposia. These themes, in priority order, were:

**STATE-WIDE THEME 1:** Honor and recognize veteran's service by reducing certain state fees and taxes

**STATE-WIDE THEME 2:** Increase veteran service officer and veteran outreach capacity

**STATE-WIDE THEME 3:** Support veteran employment

**STATE-WIDE THEME 4:** Expand suicide prevention support and education

**STATE-WIDE THEME 5:** Support veterans housing initiatives

**STATE-WIDE THEME 6:** Enhance connection to veteran benefits

**STATE-WIDE THEME 7:** Honor veterans service

**STATE-WIDE THEME 8:** Support veterans courts

(5) Also developed during the symposia was a consolidated list of 24 items suggested for Congressional consideration. These issues were sent to Nevada's congressional delegation.

(6) A review of the recommendations reveals few "stand-out" issues. This may be because many of the top issues identified in past legislative symposia were successfully passed into statutes. For example, during the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, there were three issues that garnered the most votes. This year, the recommendations were more diverse and were characterized by some as, "all over the board." Nonetheless, the state-wide prioritization identified some clear leaders among the recommendations and assisted elected officials develop legislation that both honored the service of our veterans and helped ensure their successful reintegration into Nevada communities.

b. 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Summits. Las Vegas: January 12, 2019 at the Southern Nevada VA Medical Center in North Las Vegas and Reno: January 26, 2019 at the Washoe County Senior Center

(1) The purpose of the summits was to provide an update on the status of the prioritized legislative recommendations developed during the Symposium, a description of bills that had been pre-filed with the Legislative Counsel Bureau, and information about how veterans and veteran supporters can participate in the legislative process.

(2) Like the symposia, the summits provided an opportunity for veterans to engage directly with lawmakers and other elected leaders ahead of the Session. Present in Las Vegas were Assemblyman Chris Edwards and Mr. Keith Hightower from the Office of the Governor. Legislative participation in the summit was lower than normal as it fell on the same day as the Pre-Session Nevada Senate Democratic Caucus meeting. Present in Reno were Senator Julia Ratti, Assemblyman Jim Wheeler, and Assemblywoman Benítez-Thompson.

c. Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL). *Carson City Capitol and Legislative Complexes: March 20, 2019*

(1) VAMDAL, hosted jointly by NDVS, the UVLC, and the Nevada National Guard, provided an opportunity for veterans to talk directly to legislators on legislation important to them and to see a display of Nevada National Guard equipment. The day began with an opening ceremony with keynote comments from Governor Steve Sisolak, and remarks from Senate Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro and Speaker of the Assembly, Assemblyman Jason Frierson.

(2) Later in the day, veterans were welcomed as guests into the Senate and Assembly Chambers for a presentation of a Concurrent Resolution naming Nevada a Purple Heart State. Finally, a luncheon for veterans and veteran supporters was provided by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services and served by members of the Nevada National Guard.

#### **4. 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Bill Overview**

a. 31 bill draft requests (BDRs) supporting veterans, military, and their families were assigned a bill. 20 important Veterans bills were signed into law by Governor Sisolak, and 11 bills failed by the Legislative deadline. While the number of bills signed falls slightly short of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session's 26 bills, there were fewer issues identified that had broad veteran community consensus during the 2018 Veterans Legislative Symposia.

b. Each one of the state-wide themes identified in the 2018 Legislative Symposia were addressed through 17 of the 20 bills that the Governor signed, or through the passage of Governor Sisolak's SFY 21-22 Budget as shown here. Details of each of the bills shown below are in Paragraph 5 of this report:

**THEME 1: Reducing fees and taxes:** AB 487, SB 201

**THEME 2: Increase veteran service officer (VSO)/outreach capacity:** AB 11, AB 28, Governor's Budget for additional VSO's for Fallon and Pahrump, and for a Women Veteran VSO

**THEME 3: Support veteran employment:** AB 89, AB 427, AB 429, SB 100

**THEME 4: Expand suicide prevention support/education:** AB 300, AB 478, SB 482

**THEME 5: Support veterans housing initiatives:** AB 174, Governor's Budget for operation of the new Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

**THEME 6: Enhance connection to veteran benefits:** AB 11, AB 12, AB 28, AB 300, AB 342, Governor's Budget for supporting Adopt-a-Vet Dental

**THEME 7: Honor veterans services:** SB 331, SB 336, Governor's CIP Budget to expand and improve Southern and Northern Nevada State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries

**THEME 8: Support veterans courts:** AB 222

**5. Detailed Description of Legislation Considered and Passed:** The following section provides a description of veteran-related legislation that passed, the date each statute and bill described in the memorandum becomes effective, and a brief plan by the NDVS Director for carrying out duties required by newly passed legislation. Additionally, this section also lists bills that failed by deadline or by the Governor's veto as reference for future policy discussions on veterans' issues.

✓ **AB 11:** Clarifies duties of the NDVS Director, chief among which are the requirements that the Director provide training and certification to State and County VSOs and to ensure that volunteers serving as veterans advocates are assigned to an NDVS VSO mentor.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of NDVS

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** COMPLETED. Conducted 1<sup>st</sup> state-wide VSO training for State of Nevada, County, and Veterans Service Organization VSOs and NVAs on 7-8 September 2019. This training will be continued annually. Additionally, NVAs are partnered both with a VSO for technical mentorship, and with a community outreach director for outreach participation and scheduling.

✓ **AB 12:** Makes NDVS regulatory authority language changes; reporting requirement changes; Deputy Director of Health and Wellness (DDHW) appointment requirement changes; removes Veterans Service Commission mandatory meeting locations; makes clear the Department requirement to support veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT); and provides other matters properly relating thereto.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of NDVS

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 8, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** COMPLETED. Applicable NDVS staff, to include all VSOs, have been informed of regulatory language changes, expanded support requirements for LGBT veterans, and DDHW employment requirements.

✓ **AB 28:** Revises provisions governing the evidence satisfactory to declare status as a veteran on an instruction permit, driver's license, identification card or commercial driver's license.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary on behalf of NDVS

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 23, 2019, for the purposes of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and on July 1, 2019, for all other purpose.

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Complete an interlocal agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) by December 1, 2019, allowing for the sharing of veterans information necessary for DMV to use electronic verification as proof of military service.

✓ **AB 37:** Eliminates the right of a serviceman or servicewoman of the Nevada National Guard to demand a trial by court-martial in lieu of accepting nonjudicial punishment and requires a commanding officer of the Nevada National Guard to make a legal consultation before determining nonjudicial punishment is appropriate.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of the Office of the Military

**Votes:** Passed Assembly, 33 yea, 8 nay, 1 excused, Senate unanimously, 1 excused

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **AB 89:** Revises provisions governing the preferences provided to veterans seeking employment in the classified service of the State by allowing out-of-state residents to receive hiring preferences before establishing state residency.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of the

Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 2 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 14, 2019, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and on October 1, 2019, for all other purpose.

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Educate VSOs and Nevada Veterans Advocates (NVAs) regarding expanded veterans preference benefits (complete); update Department website and education materials to reflect this change by January 1, 2020.

✓ **AB 174:** Establishes the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing (supports persons who are experiencing homelessness, to include veterans and veterans family members who are experiencing homelessness).

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, Senate unanimously, 1 excused

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Appoint a representative to participate in Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Council meetings (COMPLETED). Attend meetings and participate in actions to end veteran homelessness (ONGOING).

✓ **AB 222:** Revises eligibility for participation in Veterans Court; authorizes courts to enter a judgment of conviction against a defendant before placing him/her on probation; requires defendants to participate in certain programs in specialty courts; and authorities certain courts to set aside a judgment of conviction of a defendant upon completion of programs in specialty courts under certain circumstances.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 2 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** June 5, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **AB 300:** Provides for the optional collection and reporting of information relating to the health of veterans; provides for outreach and continuing education concerning the health of veterans; requires the statewide information and referral system to provide nonemergency information and referrals to the general public to include information concerning service-connected disabilities and

diseases.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Assemblywoman Brittney Miller

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Develop and post on the NDVS Internet website a questionnaire to be given to veterans as a tool to support their interaction with health care providers and to support the submission of US Department of Veterans Services disability claims by November 1, 2019. By January 31 of each year, submit the information obtained from these questionnaires to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DHHS). Develop and implement, in partnership with DHHS, a plan to conduct public outreach to raise public awareness concerning service-connected disabilities and diseases and Survivor benefits available to family members of veterans by December 1, 2019. Identify and collaborate with nonprofit organizations that provide services to veterans and their families (to include the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, etc.,) to identify veterans and the children and grandchildren of veterans who have service-connected disabilities and diseases by January 1, 2020.

✓ **AB 342:** Revises provisions governing the eligibility of a pupil who transfers schools pursuant to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to participate and practice in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Assemblyman Tom Roberts and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **AB 427:** Requires the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to waive payment of registration fees and certain other fees assessed against students within the System who are veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Educate VSOs and Nevada Veterans Advocates (NVAs) regarding expanded veterans preference benefits (complete); update Department website and

education materials to reflect this change by January 1, 2020.

✓ **AB 429:** Requires the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to designate certain critical need occupations and authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to grant a waiver of fees to veterans who enroll in graduate degree programs associated with critical need occupations.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 2 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Educate VSOs and NVAs regarding expanded veterans preference benefits (complete); update Department website and education materials to reflect this change by January 1, 2020.

✓ **AB 478:** Requires peace officers to complete not less than 12 hours of continuing education annually in certain areas, to include mental health. (Such training can assist officers respond to veterans and others in crisis and at risk of suicide).

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Assemblyman Jason Frierson

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 2 excused, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **AB 487:** Provides \$500,000 over the biennium for the Adopt a Vet Dental Program.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** NDVS will disburse funding to Adopt-a-Vet Dental quarterly. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter disbursement has been completed.

✓ **SB 100:** Requires expedited processing of teaching license applications for spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Forces and requires school districts to consider the Joint Services Transcript or a similar



document of a veteran to satisfy the qualifications for certain positions of employment.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Senate Committee on Education on behalf of the Legislative Committee on Education

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 27, 2019, for purposes of adopting regulations and performing any preliminary administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Educate VSOs and NVAs regarding expanded veterans preference benefits (complete); update Department website and education materials to reflect this change by January 1, 2020.

✓ **SB 201:** Adopts provisions of the federal Military Lending Act and requires the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to develop, implement and maintain a database storing certain information relating to deferred deposit loans, title loans and high-interest loans made to customers in this State; authorizes the Department of Business and Industry and the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to inform the public regarding certain information; revises provisions that prohibit the making of a deposit loan or high-interest loan that exceeds or requires payments that exceed a certain percentage of the customer's expected gross monthly income.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Yvanna Cancela and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly, 28 yea, 12 nay, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate, 13 yea, 8 nay

**Effective Date:** Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, 9, 10, 11 and 14 to 24, inclusive, and section 25 effective May 28, 2019, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and on October 1, 2019, for all other purposes. Sections 8, 12 and 13 effective July 1, 2019, for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of those sections including, without limitation, any tasks that are necessary to contract with a vendor or service provider or otherwise develop, implement and maintain the database described in section 8 of this act; and July 1, 2020, for all other purposes.

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **SB 225:** Requires NDVS to submit to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) annually on or before August 1 a report detailing expenditures made from the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma and authorizes veterans who experienced an act of sexual assault to obtain compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Pat Spearman and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 21, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Submit the required report to the IFC on or before August 1 of each year.

✓ **SB 295:** Creates the Nevada National Guard Youth Challenge Program and requires the Office of the Military to enter into an agreement with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the board of trustees of a school district to establish a challenge school.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Pat Spearman

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **SB 331:** Designates Interstate Highway No. 11 in Nevada as the Purple Heart Highway.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Pat Spearman and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 2 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously, 1 excused

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **SB 336:** Requires the Governor annually to proclaim July 28 to be "Buffalo Soldiers Day" in Nevada.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Dallas Harris and others

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 excused, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** May 29, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

✓ **SB 483:** Requires the Statewide Program for Suicide Prevention to include the provision of suicide prevention training for family members of veterans, members of the military and other persons who are at risk of suicide.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by Senator Pat Spearman and Senator Dallas Harris

**Votes:** Passed Assembly unanimously, 1 vacant, Senate unanimously

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

**Status:** Signed into law by the Governor

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** Educate State Veterans Service Organizations, Suicide Prevention Organizations, Veterans Community Councils, VSOs and NVAs regarding expanded training opportunity by October 1, 2019; update Department website and education materials to reflect this change by January 1, 2020.

### **LEGISLATION NOT PASSED**

**✗ AB 13:** Would clarify, correct, and expand language in NRS 417 relating to relating to the Director of the Department of Veterans Services' authority to appoint veterans home administrators, establish veterans' Adult Day Health Care facilities, and determine the location of veterans homes.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of NDVS.

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 171:** Would require the Administrator of the Division of State Parks to reduce by at least \$2 any entrance fee to state parks and recreational areas for veterans.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod and Assemblyman Ellison

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 188:** Would eliminate the requirement for the annual administrative fee camping and boating in state parks and recreational areas for honorably discharged veterans with a service-connected disability of 10 percent or more.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Ellison

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 210:** Would require the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to appoint a veteran outreach coordinator for each institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Edwards

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 211:** A portion of this bill required each district court to establish an advocate group to support any veteran who is a party to a domestic relation proceeding.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Chris Edwards

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 245:** Requires the Secretary of State to waive the annual fee for a state business license during the first four years of the existence and at least 51 percent of the business is owned by one or more veterans who reside in this State, and, waives fees for the filing of original articles of incorporation if the corporation is a for-profit corporation owned by one or more veterans.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Chris Edwards and others

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 306:** Would authorize certain types of cooperative entities to include the words "Veteran-owned cooperative" in the name of the cooperative if: (1) 51 percent of the directors of the cooperative are veterans; or (2) 51 percent of the members of the cooperative are veterans.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod and others

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 357:** Would require regulatory bodies issue a license by endorsement to certain persons, to include active members of, or spouses of an active member, of, the Armed Forces of the United States who hold a corresponding valid and unrestricted license to practice his or her occupation or profession in the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Tom Roberts

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ AB 436:** Would exempt veterans who served after or on or after January 1, 2001 or who served for six years or more in the National Guard from property and the governmental services taxes. The language that added service after 2001 was an administrative change which updated the list of wartime eras; the language regarding the National Guard was a new exemption category. This Bill was very similar to SB 386 and the Sponsor agreed to drop his Bill and support that bill.

**Sponsor(s):** Assemblyman Jim Wheeler and others

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ SB 16:** Would allow the NDVS Director to apply for and accept gifts and grants in support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families for deposit into the Gift Account for Veterans.

**Sponsor(s):** Introduced by the Senate Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of NDVS

**Votes:** Passed Senate unanimously, not voted on in the Assembly

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required

**✗ SB 386:** Revises requirements to receive a partial exemption from property taxes to include persons who have: (1) served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty on or after December 20, 1989, or have served in the National Guard for six years or more; and (2) received an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service 10 or are still serving.

**Sponsor(s):** Senator James Settlemeyer and others

**Votes:** Not voted upon

**Effective Date:** Not applicable

**Status:** Failed by deadline

**NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:** No NDVS action required