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Report to the Veteran Community on the 83rd Legislative Session

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

1. Introduction: This memorandum provides a report to the veteran community as required by [NRS 417.103](#). This report is 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 affecting 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 (VAMDAL).

b. In 2013, during the 77th Legislative Session, Nevada's veterans organizations formed an informal coalition (later organized as the United Veterans Legislative Council or UVLC) to help create a single voice, where possible, to advocate for veterans' legislation. In the next session, during the 78th 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 through later 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 83rd Legislative Session the UVLC Chair was Andy LePeilbet and UVLC senior/board representatives were as follows:

Vice Chair Ms. Bobi Oates, Secretary Peggy Bohn, and board members Normal Allen, Jim Kelly, and Bruno Moya.

3. 83rd Legislative Session Events:

a. Legislative Symposia: March 23, 2024 (Reno), April 6, 2024 (Las Vegas).

(1) During the past five sessions, symposia have been held in both northern and southern Nevada except for 2020, when, due to the global pandemic, a single symposium was held virtually.

(2) Recommendations gathered from six Nevada's veterans' panels, committees, and commission, and from State of Nevada Veterans Services Organizations, were presented to Symposium participants. Participants included leaders of all of Nevada's major Veterans Service Organizations, individual veterans and their supporters.

(3) During the Symposium final recommendations and prioritizations were gathered and compiled into a report for consideration by Nevada's elected officials. In total, 85 combined federal and state issues were identified and prioritized across both symposia. Some issues were identical between Reno and Las Vegas events. 69 state issues were identified and prioritized. 42 federal issues were identified and prioritized and were referred to Nevada's Federal Delegation for consideration.

(4) There were several common themes that emerged from the recommendations. These themes, in priority order, were:

STATE-WIDE THEME 1: Improve outreach to veterans, military service members, their families, and external stakeholders across the state of Nevada to increase awareness of benefits and resources (healthcare & mental health for example) available with special attention to Nevada's underserved populations (homeless, justice involved veterans, women, LGTBT+, rural, etc.); "Ask the Question". Educate communities & enforce regulations on unaccredited/for-fee claims assistance. Create community groups/coalition for homeless veterans; increase stand-downs across the state.

STATE-WIDE THEME 2: Additional State of Nevada benefits including exemption from real property and DMV taxes, state tax holidays for National Guard members, add free airport parking for veterans regarding disability rating without a logo on a plate, and provide additional accommodations/access on public lands. Hire additional Veterans Service Officers for claims/benefit assistance across the state. Implement rent control for military/service-connected veterans.

STATE-WIDE THEME 3: Expansion of VA Healthcare in rural Nevada, recognition of hyperbaric treatment at the VA, additional research/therapies for mental health treatment, heated aqua pools at VA medical facilities for physical therapy, dental extractions for necessary implants, and increase in clothing allowance from the VA to allow for seasonal changes with the use of prosthetics. Establish veteran adult day health facilities, establish additional veteran long term-care facilities with priority in northeastern Nevada. Expansion of programs for MST/mental healthcare. Expand rights for women veterans with military sexual trauma and provide additional resources for suicide prevention.

STATE-WIDE THEME 4: Expansion of education benefits for veterans with service-connected disabilities, children/survivors of service-connected veterans, National Guard/reserve members.

STATE-WIDE THEME 5: Improve veteran, service member, and spouse-related hiring practices to ensure sustainability of the workforce, including accessibility to licensure and reciprocity for existing licenses. Reduce barriers for veterans trying to start and run their own businesses, such as licensing, funding, availability of education, and availability of meaningful contracts, complete comprehensive studies on contract disparities.

STATE-WIDE THEME 6: Expand pension eligibility, removing the "1-day" war-time era requirements, increase federal benefits for national guard & dependents, reduce timeline for VA claims processing, provide additional accommodations/access on public lands, and provide retroactive payments for MH/MST. Implement/expand programs to eliminate eviction/foreclosure before being forced into homeless shelters.

STATE-WIDE THEME 7: Increase recognition of Nevada veterans & families by recognizing Gold Star family members, continued support of "Missing in Nevada" missions, and establishment of Veterans/Military Museum in Nevada. Recognize Women's Military History Month annually/permanently in March of each year in Nevada.

STATE-WIDE THEME 8: Improve the road conditions for access to the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery, add a weekend burial option, and eliminate fees for spouses of veterans.

b. 83rd Legislative Summits: January 11, 2025 (Las Vegas), January 18, 2025 (Reno).

(1) The purpose of the summit was to provide an update on the status of the prioritized legislative recommendations developed during the Symposia, 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) At the Reno Summit, there were 120 attendees with 87 attending the Las Vegas summit. These attendees represented 19 different veterans' organizations.

c. Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature (VAMDAL). Carson City Capitol and Legislative Complexes: March 19, 2025.

(1) Veterans Day at the Legislature. The third Wednesday in March during each regular session of the Legislature is established as "Veterans and Military Day at the Legislature" (VAMDAL) in the State of Nevada in recognition of the contributions veterans have made to the prosperity of Nevada and the United States ([NRS 236.047](#)).

(2) Historically, VAMDAL is jointly hosted by NDVS, the UVLC, and the Nevada National Guard and provides an opportunity for veterans to talk directly to legislators on legislation important to them and to see a display of Nevada National Guard equipment. This opening ceremony was held inside the State Library and Archives building. Approximately 220 veterans, military and supporters attended this event. Following the ceremony, veteran attendees were given the opportunity to join their legislators on the floor of the Assembly to be recognized. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the State Senate was in recess during the 2025 VAMDAL. This was followed by the opportunity to see exhibits provided by the Nevada National Guard and meet with providers, exhibitors, and enjoy a catered lunch on the Nevada State Capitol grounds.

4. 83rd Legislative Session Bill Overview

a. 45 bill draft requests (BDRs) supporting veterans, military, and their families were assigned a bill. Of those, 18 were approved, which is a 40% approval rate. Eighteen important veteran-friendly bills were signed into law by Governor Lombardo. There was one Senate Joint Resolution, which was enrolled and sent to the Secretary of State, and one Assembly Joint Resolution that failed. In all, 27 bills failed by the Legislative deadline.

b. 4 of the 8 state-wide themes identified in the 2024 Legislative Symposia were addressed through 13 bills signed by the Governor, or through the passage of Governor Lombardo's Fiscal Year 25-27 Executive Budget as shown [HERE](#). Details of each of the bills shown below are in Sections 5 and 6 of this report:

THEME 1: Improve outreach, particularly to vulnerable veteran populations: **SB117**

THEME 2: Additional State of Nevada benefits to veterans including certain reduced State fees, State tax holidays, additional access to State parks/lands, hiring more VSOs, and rent control for veterans: **SB325**

THEME 5: Improve State hiring practices for veterans, service members, and spouses, including accessibility to licensure and reciprocity for existing licenses. Reduce barriers and increase support for veteran-run their own businesses: AB43, AB163, AB177, AB230, AB248, AB336, SB24, SB175

THEME 6: Expand pension eligibility, increase federal benefits for national guard & dependents, reduce processing timeline for VA claims, provide additional accommodations/access on public lands, and provide retroactive payments regarding military sexual trauma. Implement/expand programs to eliminate eviction/foreclosure before being forced into homeless shelters. AB163, AB281, SJR1

Additionally, funding was approved in the Governor's CIP Budget for projects to include: Remodel Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (See Section 6 b), North Las Vegas Decatur DMV Home Project (See Section 6 b), and other projects.

Based on the Governor's budget requests, the Legislature approved new positions: One (1) Management Analyst 3 and one (1) Veteran Service Officer (VSO).

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.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 23 (FAILED): Would have exempted Office of the Military (OFTM) from State Public Works Division (SPWD) requirement that SPWD provide engineering and architectural services when constructing an OFTM building (BDR 38-268).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Jovan Jackson, Reuben D'Silva, Joe Dalia, Hanadi Nadeem.

Votes: No further action was allowed on the bill after 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 41 (PASSED): Authorizes the Adjutant General to appoint a State Assistant Adjutant (BDR 36-267).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Cinthia Zermeno Moore, Max Carter, Senator Edgar Flores.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Signed into law by the Governor on 5/29/2025.

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

AB 43 (PASSED): Gives veteran preference in State public works bidding/contracting procedures (BDR 28-465).

Sponsor(s): House Government Affairs Committee.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate, 13 Yeas, 8 Nays (Buck, Ellison, Krasner, Neal, Rogich, Steinbeck, Sontе, Titus).

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Signed into law by the Governor on 6/3/2025.

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

AB 105 (VETOED): Would have prohibited possession of a firearm in or within a certain distance of an election site (BDR 15-64).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui.

Votes: Assembly Yeas, 13, Nays 8; Senate Yeas 13, Nays, 8.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 6/9/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 106 (FAILED): Relating to occupational therapy. Ratifying and entering into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact (BDR 54-233).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Elaine Marzola, Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/3/25.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 119 (FAILED): Authorizes the Attorney General to investigate alleged paramilitary activity and issue written investigative demands in connection with any investigation (BDR 34-524).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Steve Yeager and Erica Roth.

Votes: No further action on 5/17/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 135 (FAILED): Extends certain partial tax exemptions for veterans to surviving spouses who satisfy certain criteria (BDR 32-236).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Toby Yurek, Reuben D'Silva.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 143 (FAILED): Relating to dentistry; enacting the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, especially for military spouses, veterans and veteran spouses (BDR 54-877).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Elaine Marzola.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 145 (FAILED): Omnibus veterans legislation. (1) Places certain restrictions related to veterans' benefits without VA accreditation; (2) Eliminates fees for spousal interment at State Veteran Cemeteries; (3) requires development of certain programs for hiring and mentoring of veterans; (4) allows Gold Star family members to be eligible to receive a free annual pass to Nevada state parks and recreational areas (BDR 37-77).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Reuben D'Silva, Ken Gray, Senators Michele Cruz-Crawford, Roberta Lange.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 157 (FAILED): Would have revised provisions relating to the Nevada National Guard; (1) implement training programs and reports concerning court martials; (2) would have mandated convening authority of a court-martial to report certain information to the Office of the Military to develop policies/regulations; (3) would provide service member with right to demand trial by court-marital instead of accepting nonjudicial punishment (BDR 36-834).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Ken Gray, Reuben D'Silva.

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 163 (PASSED): Ratifying and entering into a Counseling Compact (BDR 54-129).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Gregory Hafen.

Votes: Assembly unanimous; Senate unanimous

Effective Date: Sections 1, 2, 3 on May 26, 2025, for adopting policies/regulations, and October 1, 2025, for all other purposes.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/10/25.

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

AB 177 (PASSED): Relates to various changes in audiology, hearing aid dispensing, speech pathology with reduced fees for licensing of military personnel, veterans, and their dependents (BDR 54-199).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Cecelia Gonzalez, Co-Sponsor Tracy Brown-May.

Votes: Assembly 40 Yeas, 2 Nays (Kasama, Dickman); Senate 19 Yeas, 2 Nays (Buck, Titus).

Effective Date: Sections 3, 1.5 on July 1, 2025, with Sections 1 and 2 on July 1, 2026.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/28/2025.

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

AB 181 (FAILED): Would have provided immunity from civil liability for persons returning a firearm specifically applying to individuals who take possession of a firearm at the owner's request, hold it, and then return it according to an agreement. Would have also addressed exemptions from background check requirements for certain firearm transfers (BDR 3-920).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Danielle Gallant.

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 222 (FAILED): Would have required contractors and subcontractors on public works projects to comply with certain requirements related to the employment of workers and apprentices (BDR 28-675).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Jovan Jackson

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 230 (PASSED): Enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (BDR 54-568).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Elaine Marzola.

Votes: Assembly 41 Yeas, 1 Excused; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/5/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 243 (FAILED): Would have established partial tax exemptions for surviving spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Forces killed in the line of duty (BDR 32-163).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Brian Hibbetts, Reuben D'Silva.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/3/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 245 (VETOED): Would have prohibited people under 21 from possessing certain firearms, including semiautomatic shotguns, semiautomatic centerfire rifles. It also addresses aiding or knowingly permitting a person under 21 to possess said firearms and would have revised provisions related to firearm storage (BDR 15-648).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Sandra Jauregui.

Votes: Vetoed by the Governor on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 273 (FAILED): Would have required the waiver of certain fees for certain businesses related to veterans (BDR 3-549).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers P.K. O'Neill and Jill Dickman.

Votes: No further actions taken on 6/2/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:

AB 274 (FAILED): Would have required the Secretary of State to waive certain fees for issuance and renewal of state business licenses for businesses related to veterans (BDR 7-728).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Lisa Cole. Co-Sponsors: Jill Dickman, Melissa Hardy, Heidi Kasama, Brian Hibbetts, Gregory Koenig, Toby Yurek.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 281 (PASSED): Relating to state militia; revising the benefits and compensation that a member of the state militia and the dependents of the member are entitled to receive if the member is wounded, injured, disabled, or killed while on state active duty (BDR 36-398).

Sponsor(s): Assembly Committee on Government Affairs.

Votes: Assembly 41 Yeas, 1 Excused; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/30/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 300 (FAILED): Would have made an appropriation for the construction of a veterans and community center in Virginia City (BDR S-1065).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Ken Gray, Reuben D'Silva, Jill Dickman, Robin Titus, Bert Gurr; Co-Sponsors Assemblymembers Lisa Cole, Joe Dalia, Rich DeLong, Rebecca Edgeworth, Gregory Hafen, Alexis Hansen, Brian Hibbetts, Heidi Kasma, Gregory Koenig, Brittany Miller, Erica Mosca, Duy Nguyen, P.K. O'Neill, Senators Rich Dalym Ira Hansen.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 336 (PASSED): Revises provisions relating to state purchasing, preference provided for Nevada-based businesses owned by a service-connected veteran (BDR 27-458).

Sponsor(s): Committee on Health and Human Services

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/6/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 337 (FAILED): Would have required the Aging and Disability Services Division to establish and administer a dementia care specialist program, provided for the establishment of the Nevada Memory Network for the diagnosis of dementia and care of dementia patients (BDR 38-456).

Sponsor(s): House Health and Human Services Committee.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 338 (FAILED): Would have provided Medicaid coverage of attendant care services for frail elderly persons (BDR 38-457).

Sponsor(s): Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 341 (FAILED): Would have prohibited a landlord from refusing to rent a dwelling to a corporation that rents a dwelling on behalf of a person with a disability solely because the corporation provides assistance in obtaining housing to a person with a disability (BDR 10-460).

Sponsor(s): Health and Human Services Committee.

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 342 (VETOED): Would have designated the month of March as "Women Veterans History Month" (BDR 19-459).

Sponsor(s): Committee on Health and Human Services.

Votes: Assembly 37 Yeas, 5 Nays (Cole, DeLong, Edgworth, Gray, Hibbetts); Senate 17 Yeas, 4 Nays (Buck, Ellison, Hansen, Titus).

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: Vetoed by the Governor on 6/2/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 350 (PASSED): Revises provisions relating to cemeteries: NOTE: State Veteran Cemeteries were exempted for revisions of NRS under this bill (BDR 40-874).

Sponsor(s): Committee on Judiciary.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/3/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 371 (FAILED): Would have enacted the Cosmetology Licensure Compact (BDR 54-835).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Selena Torres-Fossett

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 409 (PASSED): Provisions relating to special license plates; authorizes specialty plates for Space Force, Air Force Cross, Coast Guard Cross, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross. Also combines prestige license plates with these plates (BDR 43-1058).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Gregory Hafen, Reuben D'Silva, Ken Gray; Co-Sponsors Assemblymembers Tracy Brown-May, Selena Torres-Fossett.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/6/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS. However, NDVS will promote the new license plate options through all NDVS communications channels.

AB 451 (PASSED): Grants immunity from civil liability to licensed firearm dealers and local law enforcement agencies under specific circumstances relating to returning firearms under a firearm hold agreement (BDR 15-1057).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymembers Sandra Jauregui and P.K. O'Neill.

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Votes: Assembly 41 Yeas, 1 Nays (Dickman); Senate 16 Yeas, 5 Nays (Buck, Krasner, Rogich, Stone, Titus).

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/5/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 532 (FAILED): Would have revised provisions relating to fee waivers for certain students; providing for the continuity of waivers previously provided to certain students (BDR 34-524).

Sponsor(s): Assembly Committee on Education.

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

AB 553 (PASSED): Transfers the Division of Emergency Management from the Office of the Military to the Office of the Governor renaming it to the Office of Emergency Management (BDR 18-1126).

Sponsor(s): Assemblymember Duy Nguyen. Co-Sponsors Assemblymembers Brian Hibbetts, Hanadi Nadeem, Elaine Marzola, Senators Lisa Krasner, Rochelle Nguyen.

Votes: Assembly 40 Yeas, 1 Excused; Senate 20 Yeas, 1 Excused.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/5/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

AB 569 (PASSED): Makes appropriations to the Department of Veterans Services for certain vehicles and equipment (BDR S-1192).

Sponsor(s): Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/5/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$67,187 for the replacement of utility vehicles and a truck at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This authority is in FY26 Year 1 – purchase is in-progress for these vehicles.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$34,390 for the replacement of a mower at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This authority is in FY27 Year 2 – purchase will be made in FY 27.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$120,000 for the replacement of security and safety equipment at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This authority is in FY26 Year 1 – the Department is in collaboration with the Governor's Technology Office on this project; this may need to be rolled into Year 2 due to new security considerations and the project's complexity.

Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$194,935 for the replacement of a dump truck and the purchase of a tracked loader vehicle for the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. This authority is in FY27 Year 2 – purchase will be made in FY 27.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Veterans Services the sum of \$4,622 for the costs of a video conference system. This authority is in FY27 Year 2 – purchase will be made in FY 27.

AB 590 (PASSED): Makes appropriations to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Office of the Military for certain projects, programs, equipment, and contractual costs (BDR S-1203).

Sponsor(s): Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate 20 Yeas, 1 Excused.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/5/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

SENATE BILLS

SB 17 (PASSED): Relating to criminal procedure; revising the eligibility for defendants charged with certain crimes to complete a pre-prosecution diversion program (BDR 14-474).

Sponsor(s): Senator Michele Cruz-Crawford and Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeno Moore.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: Upon approval.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/26/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

SB 24 (PASSED): Relating to emergency medical services; provides for the certification and regulation of emergency medical responders (BDR 40-292).

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate 17 Yeas, 4 Nays (Buck, Ellison, Krasner, Titus).

Effective Date: Section 30 effective on May 26, 2025, with Sections 1 to 29 inclusive effective May 26, 2025, for adopting regulations and January 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/26/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

SB 78 (FAILED): Would have revised provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils, and similar bodies. The goal was to increase the Department of Business and Industry oversight of state boards, and to merge and consolidate many of these boards, especially those related to occupational and professional licensing (BDR 18-301).

Sponsor(s): Department of Business and Industry.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/2/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

SB 95 (FAILED): Would have revised provisions governing military justice for the Nevada National Guard (BDR 36-11).

Sponsor(s): Senators Lisa Krasner, Jeff Stone, Roberta Lange, Lori Rogich; Co-Sponsors Senators James Ohrenschall, Julie Pazina.

Votes: No further action on 6/3/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

SB 117 (PASSED): Requires the Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to develop and make available to certain agencies a program of training and informational materials concerning the process for applying for an upgrade to the character of a veteran's discharge from service (BDR 37-795).

Sponsor(s): Senator Michele Cruz-Crawford, Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeno Moore.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/30/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation:

NDVS currently conducts presentations and training upon request which includes information about discharge upgrades. Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) routinely field inquiries regarding discharge upgrades and assist veterans in this process. To address the changes as stipulated in SB117 as introduced, NDVS can expand access by providing printed resources, linking these resources in digital format on the NDVS website and providing expanded information and/or training in-person as requested.

SB 148 (FAILED): Would have required the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles to design and issue special license plates honoring veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in a unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (BDR 43-545).

Sponsor(s): Senators Jeff Stone, Lisa Krasner

Votes: No further action taken on 4/12/2025, pursuant to Joint Stand Rule No. 14.3.1.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

SB 175 (PASSED): Revises provisions governing the treatment of certain military credentials in the licensure and hiring of educational personnel (BDR 34-663).

Sponsor(s): Senator Lori Rogich; Co-Sponsors Senator Michelee Cruz-Crawford.

Votes: Assembly 39 Yeas, 3 Excused; Senate Yeas, 1 Excused.

Effective Date: Sections 1 to 3 inclusive, June 6, 2025, fully effective on July 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 6/6/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS.

SB 232 (FAILED): Would have made an appropriation for the construction of a veterans and community center in Virginia City (BDR 1055).

Sponsor(s): Senators Lisa Krasner, Robin Titus, Jeff Stone, Fabian Donate, Duy Nguyen, Assemblymember P.K. O'Neill; Co-Sponsors Senators Richard Daly, Ira Hansen, Assemblymember Reuben D'Silva.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/3/2025.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

SB 325 (PASSED): Authorizes certain counties and cities to establish a program relating to the adoption of certain animals. Will waive the adoption fee of certain animals adopted by a person who is a veteran, law enforcement officer or first responder. (BDR 27-1024).

Sponsor(s): Senators Fabian Donate, Michelee Cruz-Crawford, Melanie Scheible, John Steinbeck and Jeff Stone.

Votes: Assembly unanimously; Senate unanimously.

Effective Date: October 1, 2025.

Status: Governor signed bill on 5/28/2025.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: No action required by NDVS. NDVS will publicize the new law using all NDVS communication channels.

SB 399 (FAILED): Would have allowed for the interment of the spouse of a veteran at State Veteran Cemeteries without fees (BDR 37-1046).

Sponsor(s): Senators Jeff Stone, John Ellison, Lisa Krasner, Michelle Cruz-Crawford, Ira Hansen, Assemblymembers Reuben D'Silva, Ken Gray; Co-Sponsors Senators Ann Buck, Melanie Scheible, John Steinbeck, Angie Taylor, Robin Titus.

Votes: No further action taken on 6/3/2025

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

SB 457 (FAILED): Relating to public safety; revising provisions (included stricter penalties and expansion of some laws) relating to assault, battery, stalking, pornography involving minors, domestic violence, and driving under the influence of alcohol or a prohibited substance (BDR 15-1038).

Sponsor(s): Governor Lombardo

Votes: Senate and Assembly failed to concur with Assembly amendments before the legislative session ended.

Effective Date: N/A.

Status: N/A.

NDVS Director's Plan for Implementation: N/A.

ASSEMBLY AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 1 (AJR1) (FAILED, PURSUANT TO JOINT STANDING RESOLUTION 14.3.4): Proposed amending the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to the assessment and taxation of real property which is sold or transferred and to require the Legislature to enact a program to provide property tax assistance to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 (SJR1) (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY): Urges Congress to enact legislation allowing certain eligible surviving spouses of veterans to receive an amount equal to the military retirement pay of the veteran after the veteran's death.

6. Budget Items:

- a. In the 82nd Session, Nevada's Legislature approved budgets for veterans' services included General Fund Appropriations and Federal/other spending authority. See the table below for the budget account breakout.

Budget Account	General/Other State Funds	Federal and Other Spending Authority	Total (\$)
2560: Veterans Services	\$4,942,500	\$3,091,036.66	\$8,033,536.66
2561: Southern Nevada State Veterans Home	\$36,635,333.15	\$20,039,457.15	\$59,674,790.30
2569: Northern Nevada State Veterans Home	\$438,360	\$13,050,446.06	\$13,488,806.06
Total (\$)	\$45,016,193.15	\$36,180,939.87	\$81,197,133.02

- b. Additionally, five (5) critical Veterans Capital Improvement Projects valued at \$230,325,318 were approved:

Project	State Funding	Other Funding	Total (\$)
North Las Vegas State Veterans Home	\$78,113,447	\$145,067,830	\$223,181,277
Cemetery Committal Building - NNVMC	\$2,708,518	None	\$2,708,518
Chiller Water System Improvements - NNSVH	\$2,845,654	None	\$2,845,654
Kitchen Ventilation Replacement – SNSVH	\$1,315,815	None	\$1,315,815
Water Softener Replacement – SNSVH	\$274,054	None	\$274,054