

VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

House Sponsor: Paul Ray

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission recommended this bill.

Membership: 5 legislators 18 non-legislators

Legislative Vote: 4 voting for 0 voting against 1 absent

General Description:

This bill adds a representative of the Veterans Health Administration to the commission and removes the sunset date.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ adds a representative of the Veterans Health Administration to the membership of the commission;

- ▶ removes the sunset date for the commission; and

- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



28 **36-28-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 62

29 **63I-2-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 118 and 219

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **36-28-102** is amended to read:

33 **36-28-102. Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation -- Membership**
34 **-- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.**

35 (1) There is created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.

36 (2) The commission membership is composed of [~~18~~] 19 permanent members, but may
37 not exceed [~~23~~] 24 members, and is as follows:

38 (a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:

39 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
40 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;
41 and

42 (ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more
43 than one of whom may be from the same political party;

44 (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs or the
45 director's designee;

46 (c) the chair of the Utah Veterans' Advisory Council;

47 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
48 designee;

49 (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

50 (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's
51 designee;

52 (g) [~~a representative from~~] the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard [~~appointed~~
53 ~~by~~] or the adjutant [~~general~~] general's designee;

54 (h) the Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;

55 (i) a [~~representative from~~] member of the Board of Regents or that member's designee;

56 (j) three representatives of veteran service organizations [~~as~~] recommended by the
57 Veterans Advisory Council and confirmed by the commission;

58 (k) one [~~representative from~~] member of the Executive Committee of the Utah Defense

59 Alliance; ~~and~~

60 (1) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce ~~[recommended]~~

61 member, appointed by the Utah State Chamber of Commerce[-]; and

62 (m) a representative from the Veterans Health Administration.

63 (3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to five
64 pro tempore members, representing:

65 (a) state or local government agencies;

66 (b) interest groups concerned with veterans issues; or

67 (c) the general public.

68 (4) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
69 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

70 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
71 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

72 (5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The
73 action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

74 (6) The term for each pro tempore member appointed in accordance with Subsection
75 (3) shall be two years from the date of appointment. A pro tempore member may not serve
76 more than three terms.

77 (7) If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was
78 originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under this section does not serve the
79 remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced but begins serving a new term.

80 (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but
81 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

82 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

83 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

84 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and
85 [63A-3-107](#).

86 Section 2. Section **63I-2-236** is amended to read:

87 **63I-2-236. Repeal dates -- Title 36.**

88 [~~1~~] Sections [36-28-101](#) through [36-28-104](#) are repealed July 1, 2019.]

89 [~~2~~] Section [36-29-102](#) is repealed July 1, 2016.

Legislative Review Note
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