

SENATE BILL NO. 137—SENATORS WOODHOUSE, SPEARMAN, PARKS, HARDY, FORD; ATKINSON, CANCELA, CANNIZZARO, DENIS, FARLEY, MANENDO, RATTI AND SEGERBLOM

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain plans, programs and reports relating to veterans. (BDR 37-64)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring certain state agencies and regulatory bodies to include certain questions on the forms used to collect data from a veteran; removing the prospective expiration of the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma and the duty of the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to develop plans and programs to assist veterans who have suffered sexual trauma; eliminating the requirement to transfer any remaining balance in the Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires certain state agencies and regulatory bodies to collect and  
2 report to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs certain data relating to  
3 veterans. (NRS 417.0194, 622.120) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill require such a state  
4 agency or regulatory body to include the following questions on each form used to  
5 collect data from a veteran: (1) “Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed  
6 Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other  
7 than dishonorable?”; (2) “Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6  
8 continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed  
9 Forces of the United States and separated from such service under conditions other  
10 than dishonorable?”; and (3) “Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of  
11 the United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National  
12 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States in the capacity of a



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13 commissioned officer while on active duty in defense of the United States and  
14 separated from such service under conditions other than dishonorable?”

15 Existing law: (1) requires the Director and Deputy Director of the Department  
16 of Veterans Services to develop plans and programs to assist veterans who have  
17 suffered sexual trauma while on active duty or during military training; and (2)  
18 creates the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma in the  
19 State General Fund. (NRS 417.090, 417.119) These provisions prospectively expire  
20 on June 30, 2017, and any remaining balance in the Account on that date is required  
21 to be transferred to the Gift Account for Veterans. (Sections 4.7 and 5 of chapter  
22 246, Statutes of Nevada 2015, p. 1168) **Section 3** of this bill repeals the prospective  
23 expiration of the requirement to develop plans and programs to assist veterans who  
24 have suffered sexual trauma and the Account, thereby maintaining both the  
25 requirement to develop plans and programs and the Account after June 30, 2017.  
26 Because of the continuation of the Account, **section 3** also eliminates the  
27 requirement to transfer any remaining balance in the Account on June 30, 2017.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 417.0194 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 417.0194 1. Each state agency and regulatory body identified  
4 in subsections 2 to 15, inclusive, shall report, subject to any  
5 limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal law  
6 governing the privacy or confidentiality of records, the data  
7 identified in subsections 2 to ~~15~~ 16, inclusive, as applicable, to the  
8 Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Each state agency and  
9 regulatory body shall submit such information to the Council not  
10 later than November 30 of each year and shall provide the  
11 information in aggregate and in digital form, and in a manner such  
12 that the data is capable of integration by the Council.

13 2. The Department of Administration shall provide:

14 (a) Descriptions of and the total amount of the grant dollars  
15 received for veteran-specific programs;

16 (b) The total number of veterans employed by each agency in  
17 the State; and

18 (c) The total number of veterans with service-connected  
19 disabilities who are seeking preferences through the Purchasing  
20 Division and the State Public Works Division of the Department of  
21 Administration pursuant to NRS 333.3366 and 338.13844.

22 3. The State Department of Conservation and Natural  
23 Resources shall provide the total number of veterans receiving:

24 (a) Expedited certification for the grade I certification  
25 examination for wastewater treatment plant operators based on their  
26 military experience; and

27 (b) Any discounted fees for access to or the use of state parks.

28 4. The Department of Corrections shall provide:



1 (a) An annual overview of the monthly population of inmates in  
2 this State who are veterans; and

3 (b) The success rates for any efforts developed by the  
4 Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council.

5 5. The Office of Economic Development shall provide an  
6 overview of the workforce that is available statewide of veterans,  
7 organized by O\*NET-SOC code from the United States Department  
8 of Labor or the trade, job title, employment status, zip code, county,  
9 highest education level and driver's license class.

10 6. The Department of Education shall provide the distribution  
11 of dependents of service members enrolled in Nevada's public  
12 schools.

13 7. The Department of Employment, Training and  
14 Rehabilitation shall provide a summary of:

15 (a) The average number of veterans served by a veteran  
16 employment specialist of the Department per week;

17 (b) The average number of initial and continuing claims for  
18 benefits filed per week by veterans pursuant to NRS 612.455 to  
19 612.530, inclusive;

20 (c) The average weekly benefit received by veterans receiving  
21 benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS; and

22 (d) The average duration of a claim by claimants who are  
23 veterans receiving benefits pursuant to chapter 612 of NRS.

24 8. The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
25 provide:

26 (a) The total number of veterans who have applied for and  
27 received certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-B,  
28 Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic through  
29 the State Emergency Medical Systems program; and

30 (b) A report from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics setting  
31 forth the suicide mortality rate of veterans in this State.

32 9. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:

33 (a) The total number of veterans who have declared themselves  
34 as a veteran and who applied for and received a commercial driver's  
35 license;

36 (b) The average monthly total of veteran license plates issued;  
37 and

38 (c) An overview of the data on veterans collected pursuant to  
39 NRS 483.292, 483.852 and 483.927.

40 10. The Adjutant General shall provide the total number of:

41 (a) Members of the Nevada National Guard using waivers for  
42 each semester and identifying which schools accepted the waivers;

43 (b) Members of the Nevada National Guard identified by  
44 Military Occupational Specialty and zip code; and



1 (c) Members of the Nevada National Guard employed under a  
2 grant from Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

3 11. The Department of Public Safety shall provide the  
4 percentage of veterans in each graduating class of its academy for  
5 training peace officers.

6 12. The Department of Taxation shall provide the total number  
7 of veterans receiving tax exemptions pursuant to NRS 361.090,  
8 361.091, 361.155, 371.103 and 371.104.

9 13. The Department of Wildlife shall provide the total number  
10 of:

11 (a) Veterans holding hunting or fishing licenses based on  
12 disability; and

13 (b) Service members holding hunting or fishing licenses who are  
14 residents of this State but are stationed outside this State.

15 14. The Commission on Postsecondary Education shall  
16 provide, by industry, the total number of schools in this State  
17 approved by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that  
18 are serving veterans.

19 15. Each regulatory body shall provide the total number of  
20 veterans and service members applying for licensure by the  
21 regulatory body.

22 16. *Each state agency and regulatory body identified in*  
23 *subsections 2 to 15, inclusive, shall ensure that the form used to*  
24 *collect data from a veteran, including, without limitation, a digital*  
25 *form posted on an Internet website, includes the following*  
26 *questions:*

27 (a) *“Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces*  
28 *of the United States and separated from such service under*  
29 *conditions other than dishonorable?”*

30 (b) *“Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6*  
31 *continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of*  
32 *the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such*  
33 *service under conditions other than dishonorable?”*

34 (c) *“Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the*  
35 *United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of*  
36 *the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the*  
37 *United States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on*  
38 *active duty in defense of the United States and separated from*  
39 *such service under conditions other than dishonorable?”*

40 17. The Council shall, upon receiving the information  
41 submitted pursuant to this section, synthesize and compile the  
42 information, including any recommendations of the Council, and  
43 submit the information with the report submitted pursuant to  
44 subsection 8 of NRS 417.0195.

45 ~~17~~ 18. As used in this section:



1 (a) "Regulatory body" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
2 NRS 622.060.

3 (b) "Service member" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
4 NRS 125C.0635.

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 622.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 622.120 1. If a regulatory body collects information  
7 regarding whether an applicant for a license is a veteran, the  
8 regulatory body shall prepare and submit to the Interagency Council  
9 on Veterans Affairs created by NRS 417.0191 an annual report  
10 which provides information on the number of veterans who have:

11 (a) Applied for a license from the regulatory body.

12 (b) Been issued a license by the regulatory body.

13 (c) Renewed a license with the regulatory body.

14 2. *If a regulatory body collects information regarding*  
15 *whether an applicant for a license is a veteran, the form used by*  
16 *the regulatory body, including, without limitation, a digital form*  
17 *posted on an Internet website, shall include the following*  
18 *questions:*

19 (a) *"Have you ever served on active duty in the Armed Forces*  
20 *of the United States and separated from such service under*  
21 *conditions other than dishonorable?"*

22 (b) *"Have you ever been assigned to duty for a minimum of 6*  
23 *continuous years in the National Guard or a reserve component of*  
24 *the Armed Forces of the United States and separated from such*  
25 *service under conditions other than dishonorable?"*

26 (c) *"Have you ever served the Commissioned Corps of the*  
27 *United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of*  
28 *the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the*  
29 *United States in the capacity of a commissioned officer while on*  
30 *active duty in defense of the United States and separated from*  
31 *such service under conditions other than dishonorable?"*

32 3. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed  
33 to it in NRS 417.005.

34 **Sec. 3.** Section 5 of chapter 246, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at  
35 page 1168, is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015 . †  
37 ~~and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017.~~

38 **Sec. 3.3.** Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this  
39 act, if collecting the information newly required by this act requires  
40 the revision of a paper form or an electronic form or changes to a  
41 computer system, an agency or other regulatory body is not required  
42 to collect the information until the earlier of 2 years after the  
43 effective date of this act or the date on which:

44 1. The inventory of paper forms in stock or ordered before the  
45 effective date of this act is used; or



1 2. The revised electronic form or required changes to the  
2 computer system are completed.

3 **Sec. 3.5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
4 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a  
5 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

6 **Sec. 4.** Section 4.7 of chapter 246, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at  
7 page 1168, is hereby repealed.

8 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION**

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**Section 4.7 of chapter 246, Statutes of Nevada 2015, at page 1168:**

Sec. 4.7. The balance of any money remaining on June 30, 2017, in the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma created by section 1 of this act that has not been committed for expenditure must be transferred to the Gift Account for Veterans created by NRS 417.145.

