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AN ACT to amend and reenact §9A-1-2 and §9A-1-3 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to the veterans' council; adding Gulf War veterans and Afghanistan conflict or Iraqi conflict veterans to the veterans' council; and deleting outdated language.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §9A-1-2 and §9A-1-3 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

§9A-1-2. Veterans' council; administration of division.

- 1 There is continued the "veterans' council" consisting of
- 2 nine members who must be citizens and residents of this state
- 3 and who have served in and been honorably discharged or

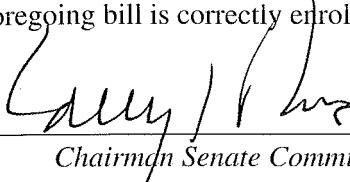
4 separated under honorable conditions from the armed forces of
5 the United States and whose service was within a time of war
6 as defined by the laws of the United States, either Public Law
7 No. 2 -- 73rd Congress. or Public Law No. 346 -- 78th Con-
8 gress, and amendments thereto. At least one member of the
9 council must be a veteran of World War II, at least one member
10 of the council must be a veteran of the Korean Conflict, at least
11 two members of the council must be veterans of the Vietnam
12 era, at least one member must be a veteran of the first Gulf War
13 and at least one member must be a veteran of the Afghanistan
14 or Iraqi Conflicts. The members of the veterans' council must
15 be selected with special reference to their ability and fitness to
16 effectuate the purposes of this article.

17 A director and such veterans' affairs officers, assistants and
18 employees as may be deemed advisable, shall administer the
19 West Virginia division of veterans' affairs.

**§9A-1-3. Appointment of veterans' council members; term of
office; removal.**

1 The term of office of the members of the veterans' council
2 is six years, and members must be appointed by the governor by
3 and with the advice and consent of the Senate: *Provided*, That
4 upon the expansion of the council from seven to nine members,
5 the governor shall initially appoint one new member for a term
6 of four years and shall initially appoint the other new member
7 for a term of six years. Thereafter the successors of these
8 members shall be appointed for the term of six years. In case of
9 a vacancy in the veterans' council, the appointment is for the
10 remainder of the unexpired term. A member of the veterans'
11 council is subject to removal by the governor for cause, but may
12 have upon his or her own request an open hearing before the
13 governor on the complaints or charges lodged against him or
14 her. The action of the governor is final.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



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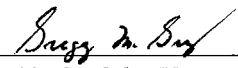
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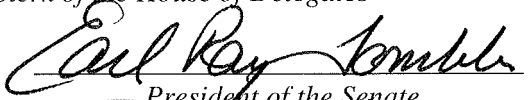
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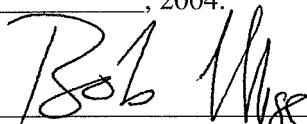


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 5th
day of April, 2004.



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