

Vet Bills Passed by The 2018 Indiana General Assembly

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Senate Bill 96 - Veterans pilot program. (HBOT)

- Extends to 2020 the veterans pilot program that provides assistance for certain providers to provide diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment to veterans.
- Allows the state department of health to select and approve up to five (5) providers to provide diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment to veterans receiving treatment under the program.
- Requires providers to perform services at cost out of the grant amount awarded to the provider.
- Removes the restriction on when a veteran's injury occurred in order for the veteran to receive treatment under the program.
- Requires providers to quarterly file a status report concerning the services provided by the provider with the state department of health, the department of veterans' affairs (department), the chairperson of the house committee on veterans affairs and public safety, and the chairperson of the senate committee on veterans affairs and the military.
- Requires the department, in collaboration with the state department of health, to prepare a final report at the conclusion of the pilot program and transmit the report to the governor, the leadership of the legislative council, the chairperson of the house committee on veterans affairs and public safety, and the chairperson of the senate committee on veterans affairs and the military.
- Requires the final report to be made available on the department's Internet website.
- Provides immunity for providers of services under the program.
- Reduced grant to \$500,000 from \$1 Million. *This was caused because the State Department of Health and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs not have the rules completed as required in the 2017 law.*
- Retains the 10% patient copay.

Senate Bill 134 - Licensing veterans organizations in charity gaming.

Allows the gaming commission to issue a three year charity gaming license to qualified organizations that are veterans organizations. Urges the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of whether an event operator or a worker at the event may receive remuneration or a meal or conducting or assisting in conducting the event.

Senate Bill 262 - Veterans matters. (Placard for disabled veteran)

Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to issue a permanent parking placard to a disabled Hoosier Veteran when requested and the veteran has or is receiving a Hoosier Disabled Veteran Plate.

House Bill 1047 – Education benefits for veterans.

Excludes from the determination of financial eligibility for need based financial aid certain benefits received by veteran students. Provides for state educational institution students who are members of the Indiana National Guard or the reserves and are called to active duty during an academic term to receive: (1) a tuition refund or credit; or (2) reenrollment in courses not completed due to active duty status.

House Bill 1242 - Resident tuition for serving on the USS Indiana.

Provides that, after June 30, 2019, certain persons who serve or served on the USS Indiana (SSN-789) are eligible for the resident tuition rate determined by the state educational institution.

House Bill 1402 – Veterans matters. (Housing / Vet Courts)

Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee topics related to implementing a program to provide property tax incentives for rental property owners who partner with nonprofit organizations to reduce veteran homelessness. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee topics related to establishing an electronic system to provide the Indiana department of veterans' affairs, in collaboration with the national guard (as defined in IC 10-16-1-13), with criminal case information.

Additionally, we supported Hemp production (went to a summer study), CBD Oil availability to all without prescription, and KILLING small unsecured loans at over 200% APR!