

Veteran Bills Passed by the 2017 General Assembly

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Senate Bill 307 - Veteran preference for employment and training

Author: Sen. Brandt Hershman. Sponsors: Reps. Baird and Frye

Status: Signed into Law by Governor on April 21.

Requires the department of workforce development (department) to give a veteran or the spouse of a veteran priority for placement in any federal or state employment or training program administered by the department if the veteran or the veteran's spouse: (1) submits documentation satisfactory to the department establishing the veteran's honorable discharge from service; and (2) meets the eligibility requirements for the program

Senate Bill 382 - Veterans' driver's licenses.

Authored by: Sen. Michael Crider Sponsor : Rep. Zent

Status: Signed into Law by Governor on April 13.

Provides that an individual may request an indication of the individual's status as a surviving spouse of a veteran on the individual's driver's license or state identification card. (Current law provides only for an indication of veteran status.). Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) to share with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs information submitted to the bureau concerning requests for an indication of status as a surviving spouse of a veteran on a driver's license, permit, or ID card.

HB 1001 – Biennial Budget

Authored by: Rep. Timothy Brown Sponsor: Sen. Luke Kenley

Status: Awaiting Governor’s Signature

Authorizes the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to make grants to be used for the purpose of providing services to veterans. etal

House Bill 1308– Various professional licensing matters.

Authored by: Rep. Dennis Zent Sponsor: Sen. Liz Brown

Status: Signed into Law by Governor on April 13.

Requires the boards under the authority of the agency to expedite the issuance or renewal of licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to military spouses. (Current law requires the boards to adopt rules to expedite the issuance or renewal of licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to military spouses.). etal

House Bill 1324– Activation of state employees.

Authored by: Rep. Dan Forestal Sponsor: Sens. Crider and Niezgodski

Status: Signed into Law by Governor on April 5.

Provides that a state employee who is a member of the Indiana National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to: (1) a leave of absence without loss of time while on active duty; and (2) compensation in an amount that is equal to the difference between the member's active duty military pay and the salary the member would have received if the member was not called to active duty. Defines certain terms.

House Bill 1394 – Waiver of local occupational license fees.

Authored by: Rep. David Frizzell Sponsor: Sen. Mike Young

Status: Awaiting Governor's Signature.

Requires a unit (county, city, town, or township) to waive as applicable all or part of the occupational and professional license fees and taxes imposed by the unit for the initial issuance and reinstatement of an occupational or professional license for applicants that are veterans, on active duty with the military or national guard, or indigent.

House Bill 1396 – Teacher licensing for military spouses.

Authored by: Rep. Wendy McNamara Sponsors: Sens. Kenley and Raatz

Status: Signed into Law by Governor on March 29.

Requires the state board of education to adopt rules, including emergency rules, that establish procedures to expedite the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a teacher license to a military spouse whose husband or wife is assigned to a duty station in Indiana. (Current law allows, but does not require, the state board to adopt such rules.)

HCR 12 Conductor trainee programs for Veterans

Authored by: Rep. Charles Moseley Sponsors: Sens. Glick and Tallian

Status: Passed by both Houses.

Urging the United States Congress to enact legislation requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to certify all licensure conductor trainee programs for GI Bill benefits as prescribed by the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2010