

Veteran Related Bills for 2021 Session

As of – Mar 1 See <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2021/bills/> for details

Senate Bill 91 - Hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program.

Authored by Sens. James Tomes, Philip Boots, and Chris Garten

Sponsored by Reps. Randy Frye and Denny Zent

Committee –

Extends the expiration date of the hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program for veterans from June 30, 2021, to June 30, 2025. Provides that certain: (1) billing documentation; or (2) attendance documentation; may be used to authenticate the receipt of hyperbaric oxygen treatments for the purpose of payment approval by the department of veterans' affairs. Removes a provision that requires the state department of health to request proposals concerning hyperbaric oxygen treatment from certain geographic areas of Indiana. Specifies that a certain appropriation does not revert to the state general fund until July 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 93 - Tuition for qualified nonresident veterans.

Authored by Sen. Philip Boots

Sponsored by Reps. Doug Gutwein and Mike Andrade

Committee –

Provides that a: (1) qualified nonresident veteran; or (2) spouse or dependent of a qualified nonresident veteran; who enrolls in a state educational institution not later than three years after the date of the qualified nonresident veteran's discharge or separation from the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard is eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a state educational institution. Establishes requirements for eligibility.

Senate Bill 316 - Military and veterans matters.

Authored by Sens. Chris Garten, James Tomes, Phil Boots, and Scott Baldwin

Sponsored by Rep. Steve Bartels

Committee –

Changes the definition of a "qualified service member" for purposes of eligibility under the military relief fund (fund). Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission (commission) to: (1) develop and adopt a policy listing the disallowable separation codes of each branch of the armed forces; and (2) review the policy for amendment and adopt any necessary amendments before July 1 of each year. Provides that the department of veterans' affairs (department) may use not more than 10% of the average annual license plate revenue to cover marketing costs only. Provides that the department may deny an incomplete application for a grant under the fund if all required documentation is not received within 30 days after the date the applicant filed the application. Provides that, if an applicant appeals a denial of tuition and fee exemption benefits (benefits) not later than 15 days before the start of the semester for which the benefits would apply, the commission shall make reasonable effort to issue a final order before the start of the semester.

House Bill 1039 - Military award license plates

Authored by Reps. Chris Judy, David Abbott, Randy Frye, and Robert Morris

Sponsored by Sens. Andy Zay, Justin Busch and Chris Garten

Committee – Home Security and Transportation

Status – Comm hearing Mar 2

Provides that the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient may retain the Purple Heart specialty license plate as long as the surviving spouse does not remarry. Specifies that the surviving spouse is not eligible to receive a modified disability registration plate. Establishes the Armed forces Expeditionary Medial specialty license plate.

House Bill 1392 -. Licensure of military spouses.

Authored by Reps. Dennis Zent, Chris Judy, and Randy Frye

Sponsored by Sens. Brian Buchanan and David Niezgodski

Committee – Commerce and Technology

Amends the law concerning provisional occupational licenses for spouses of active duty members of the armed forces assigned to Indiana to eliminate a provision under which a military spouse applying for a provisional license is required to submit to a national criminal history background check. Provides instead that a military spouse applying for a provisional license must be determined by the appropriate board not to have a disqualifying criminal history if a national criminal history background check is required for the regulated occupation for which the military spouse seeks a license.

House Bill 1497 – Health Services. (Hyperbaric oxygen treatment pilot program).

Authored by Rep. Brad Barrett

Sponsored by Sens. Ed Charbonneau and Jeff Raatz

Committee –

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Resolutions

SCR 6

Authored by Sen. James Tomes, Sen. Chris Garten, Sen. Philip Boots.

Sponsored by Rep. Wendy McNamara.

Committee - Roads and Transportation

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to place a memorial sign where the 38th parallel crosses State Road 69, south of Copperline Road in Posey County, Indiana, entitled "Posey County honoring the Veterans of the Korean War, here lies the 38th Parallel".

SCR 7

Authored by Sen. Liz Brown.

Sponsored by Rep. Dave Heine, Rep. Martin Carbaugh, Rep. Chris Judy, Rep. Robert Morris.

Committee – Roads and Transportation

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the section of State Road 930 in Allen County from Parnell Avenue to Crescent Avenue as the "Veterans National Memorial Mile".