Veteran Related Bills for 2022 Session

As of – Jan 13 See https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2022/bills/ for details

Senate Bill 65 - Free state park admission for veterans.

Authored bySen. Jack Sandlin

Committee – Natural Resources

Requires the department of natural resources (department) to admit veterans possessing: (1) a driver's license, permit, or identification card containing an indication of their veteran status; or (2) a distinctive license plate designed and issued to a veteran; to state parks, recreational areas, or day facilities under the control of the department without the veteran being charged an admission fee.

Senate Bill 72 - Additional renter's deduction for disabled veteran.

Authored bySen. J. D. Ford

Committee – Tax and Fiscal Policy

Allows a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling for use as the disabled veteran's principal place of residence to claim an additional renter's deduction from the disabled veteran's adjusted gross income. Provides that the additional deduction may not exceed $3,000.

Senate Bill 202 - Reservist tuition supplement program.

Authored bySen. David Niezgodski

Committee – Veterans Affairs and the Military

Establishes the armed forces reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Provides that the fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to members of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, not including the Army or Air National Guard, under certain conditions. Provides that scholarships issued under the fund may be renewed under certain criteria.

Senate Bill 205 - Disabled veterans.

Authored bySen. David Niezgodski

Committee – Tax and Fiscal Policy

Removes the assessed value limit for a property tax exemption for an individual or the surviving spouse of an individual who is killed in action or who receives an honorable discharge and is totally disabled or 62 years of age with a disability of at least 10%.

Senate Bill 217 - Reduction of educational costs.

Authored bySen. Frank Mrvan

Committee – Appropriations

Provides that certain eligible applicants for higher education cost exemptions are entitled to a 100% reduction in educational costs.

Senate Bill 218 - Property tax exemption for qualified veterans.

Authored bySen. Frank Mrvan

Committee – Tax and Fiscal Policy

Provides a property tax deduction for an individual or surviving spouse of an individual who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.

Senate Bill 220 - Local veteran service officers.

Authored bySen. Frank Mrvan

Committee – Veterans Affairs and the Military

Provides that a county or city service officer must: (1) be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; and (2) have resided in Indiana for at least six months before the service officer's start date.

Senate Bill 253 - Small loan finance charges.

Authored bySen. Ron Alting

Committee –  Insurance and Financial Institutions

Changes the current incremental finance charge limits that apply to a small loan to a maximum annual rate. Prohibits making, or taking other actions with respect to, a small loan with a greater rate or amount of interest, or other fees and charges, than allowed under the statute governing small loans. Prohibits a credit services organization from providing certain functions with respect to a small loan and makes a violation a deceptive

Senate Bill 257 - Military service credit for teachers.

Authored bySen. Ron Alting

Committee –  Pensions and Labor

Provides that a member of the state teachers' retirement fund who retires after June 30, 2022, and served time in voluntary or involuntary active military service is entitled to a military service credit for the member's active military service in an amount equal to the duration of the member's active military service, if the member: (1) received an honorable discharge; and (2) has at least 10 years of in-state service credit. Provides that not more than six years of military service credit may be granted. Makes conforming amendments.

Senate Bill 350 - Automobile sales tax exemption for veterans.

Authored bySen. Chris Garten

Committee –  Tax and Fiscal Policy

Defines "qualified vehicle" and "qualified service member". Provides a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase of a qualified vehicle by a qualified service member.

Senate Bill 352 - Supervised consumer loans.

Authored bySen. Andy Zay

Committee –  Insurance and Financial Institutions

Amends the Uniform Consumer Credit Code to provide that the authorized loan finance charge for a consumer loan, other than a supervised loan, that is entered into after June 30, 2022, may not exceed 36% , etal

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House Bill 1012 - Renter's tax deduction for disabled veterans.

Authored byRep. Mike Aylesworth Co-Author - Rep. Cindy Ledbetter

Committee – Ways and Means

Allows a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling as a principal place of residence to claim an additional renter's deduction of up to $3,000 from the disabled veteran's adjusted gross income.

House Bill 1014 - Additional renter's deduction for disabled veteran.

Authored byRep. Jerry Torr

Committee – Ways and Means

Allows a disabled veteran who rents a dwelling for use as the disabled veteran's principal place of residence to claim an additional renter's deduction from the disabled veteran's adjusted gross income. Provides that the additional deduction may not exceed $3,000.

House Bill 1015 - Income tax exemption for military pay.

Authored byRep. Randy Frye Co-Author Rep Chris Jeter

Committee – Ways and Means

Exempts military pay earned by members of an active component of the armed forces of the United States from the individual income tax. Phases in the exemption over four years beginning in taxable year 2024.

House Bill 1053 - Local regulation of fireworks.

Authored byRep. Donna Schaibley

Committee – Local Government

Changes: (1) the dates on which a county or municipal ordinance may limit or prohibit the use of fireworks in the county or municipality; and (2) the types of fireworks to which such an ordinance may apply.

House Bill 1054 - Hunting season for disabled veterans.

Authored byRep. David Abbott Co-Author – Rep. Randy Frye

Committee – Natural Resources

Provides that critically disabled veterans may hunt on the same free hunting days as those designated for youth hunters by the director of the department of natural resources. Defines "critically disabled veteran".

House Bill 1059 - Indiana guard reserve.

Authored byRep. Steve Bartels

Committee – Veteran Affairs and Public Safety

Status – Committee hearing, Do Pass as Amended

Provides that the Indiana guard reserve (guard) is comprised of volunteer citizens. Provides that the adjutant general (general) may adopt policies for the guard. Requires the general to establish certain structures, processes, and organizational controls for the guard. Repeals a provision concerning the guard serving outside Indiana. Repeals a provision regarding military forces in fresh pursuit. Repeals a provision regarding the oath of officers for guard members. Provides that, if called for voluntary service, the guard must follow the rules and procedures of the Indiana national guard and those set by the general. Amends a provision to specify that the general may obtain insurance for the guard under certain circumstances. Repeals a provision regarding quarterly pay for the guard.

House Bill 1068 - Specialty license plate for women veterans.

Authored byRep. Mike Speedy

Committee – Roads and Transportation

Establishes the women veterans license plate.

House Bill 1071 - Report on global war on terrorism monument.

Authored byRep. J. Davisson, Co-Authors - Rep. Doug Gutwein, Rep. Randy Frye, Rep. Renee Pack.

Committee – Veteran Affairs and Public Safety

Requires the Indiana war memorials commission (IWMC) to propose the construction of a suitable monument to the men and women of Indiana who lost their lives in the global war on terrorism. Requires the IWMC to conduct five public meetings concerning the proposed monument. Provides that a meeting must be held in Indianapolis and in each of the four regions of Indiana. Requires the IWMC to submit a detailed description of the proposed monument to the legislative council and the governor before November 1, 2022.

House Bill 1076 - Reservist tuition supplement program.

Authored byRep. Robert Heaton Co-Authors - Rep. Dale DeVon, Rep. Chuck Goodrich

Committee – Ways and Means

Establishes the reservist tuition supplement program (program) and reservist tuition supplement program fund (fund). Requires the commission for higher education to administer the program and fund. Provides that money in the fund is continually appropriated.’

House Bill 1098 - Reduction of educational costs.

Authored byRep. Tim O’Brian Co-Author Rep. Steve Bartels

Committee – Education

Provides that certain eligible applicants for higher education cost exemptions are entitled to a 100% reduction in educational costs.

House Bill 1159 - Small loan finance charges.

Authored byRep. Carey Hamilton

Committee – Financial Institutions and Insurance

Changes the current incremental finance charge limits that apply to a small loan to a maximum annual rate. Prohibits certain acts with respect to financing of a small loan and makes a violation a deceptive act and subject to penalties.

House Bill 1163 - Collection of veteran status information.

Authored byRep. Chris Campbell Co- Author Sue Errington

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to report to the department of veterans' affairs not later than December 31 of each year certain information maintained in the bureau's data base regarding: (1) an individual's status as a veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran; and (2) indication of status on an individual's driver's license, permit, or identification card as a veteran's surviving spouse. Requires the veterans' affairs commission to provide a list to state and county agencies that interact with the public the following information: (1) Services available to veterans. (2) The names, telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and addresses of state agencies that offer services to veterans. (3) The names, telephone numbers, and addresses of other public and private entities that offer services to veterans.

House Bill 1171 - Property tax deduction for qualified veterans.

Authored byRep. Doug Gutwein Co-Author Bob Cherry

Committee – Ways and Means

Provides a property tax deduction for an individual or surviving spouse of a veteran who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.

House Bill 1188 - Collection of veteran status information.

#### Authored byRep. Matt Hostettler Co-Authors Rep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Renee Pack, Rep. Chris Judy.

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Requires the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department) to provide information regarding services available to veterans, state agencies that provide services to veterans, and additional public and private entities that offer services to veterans to state, county, and city agencies that interact with the public. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, the department of education, the commission for higher education, the department of workforce development, and the Indiana professional licensing agency to include the following questions in an application for a service, a benefit, assistance, or a professional credential: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant is not required to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted regarding veteran status in a data base and to report to the department not later than December 31 of each year. Allows the department to use the information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.

House Bill 1198 - Veterans' property tax deduction.

Authored byRep. Maureen Co-Author Rep. Renee Pack

Committee – Ways and Means

Eliminates the assessed value cap that applies to the property tax deduction for a veteran who: (1) has a total disability; or (2) is at least 62 years of age and has at least a 10% disability.

House Bill 1241 - Military family occupational licenses.

Authored byRep. Chris Mat Co-Author Rep. Steve Bartels

Committee – Employment, Labor and Pensions

Provides that a military service applicant who has held an occupational license, certification, registration, or permit (license) in another jurisdiction for at least one year may qualify for an Indiana license. Removes the requirement that an applicant have a license for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application. Provides that an applicant may not have a complaint or investigation pending before an occupational licensing board that relates to unprofessional conduct or an alleged crime. Provides that a military member's dependent may apply for an occupational license under the same conditions as a military member's spouse. Requires the board to issue a license to an applicant upon application based on work experience in another state if certain conditions are met. Allows an applicant to appeal a final determination of the board. Makes a technical correction.

House Bill 1273 - Local veteran service officers.

Authored byRep. Renee Pack

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Provides that a county or city service officer hired after June 30, 2022, must: (1) be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; and (2) have resided in Indiana for at least two years before submitting an application for employment as a county or city service officer. (Current law permits a county or city service officer to have experience as a service officer assistant in lieu of being an honorably discharged veteran and permits nonresidents of Indiana to be hired upon the condition of establishing residence in Indiana within six months.) Makes conforming changes to the employment requirements for service officer assistants hired after June 30, 2022.

House Bill 1301 - Local veteran service officers.

Authored byRep. Chris May

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Provides that a county or city service officer must: (1) be an honorably discharged veteran who has at least six months of active service in the armed forces of the United States; and (2) have resided in Indiana for at least six months before the service officer's start date.

House Bill 1344 - Green alert for missing at-risk veterans.

Authored byRep. Mitch Gore Co-Author Rep. Renee Pack

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Defines "veteran at risk". Creates the green alert program to provide for public notification regarding missing veterans at risk. Changes the name of the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing endangered adults to the Indiana clearinghouse for information on missing children, missing veterans at risk, and missing endangered adults (clearinghouse). Makes conforming changes to the duties of the clearinghouse. Creates certain duties and reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies concerning missing veterans at risk. Provides immunity for a broadcaster who broadcasts, or an electronic billboard operator who displays, a green alert notification and a person who establishes or maintains a green alert Internet web site under an agreement with the state police department.

House Bill 1374 - Property tax exemption for qualified veterans.

Authored byRep. Sheila Klinker

Committee – Ways and Means

Provides a property tax deduction for an individual or surviving spouse of a veteran who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.

House Bill 1388 - Educational costs reduction.

Authored byRep. Chris Judy Co-AuthorsRep. Steve Bartels, Rep. Robert Morris.

Committee – Education

Provides new eligibility requirements for applicants whose mother or father are actively serving on Title 10 or Title 32 orders and have either served during wartime or performed equally hazardous duty, or who have received a Purple Heart decoration or have been wounded. Provides for educational cost reductions of certain amounts for applicants who have qualified under the new requirements.

House Bill 1392 - Property tax exemption for qualified veterans.

Authored byRep. Beau Baird

Committee – Ways and Means

Removes the assessed value limit for a property tax exemption for an individual or the surviving spouse of an individual who is killed in action or who receives an honorable discharge and is totally disabled or 62 years of age with a disability of at least 10%.

House Bill 1395 - Property tax exemption for qualified veterans.

Authored byRep. Renee Pack

Committee – Ways and Means

Provides, for assessment dates after December 31, 2022, that 50% of the assessed value of eligible property owned by an eligible individual is exempt from property taxation. Defines "eligible individual" as an individual who: (1) served in the military or naval forces of the United States: (A) during any of its wars; or (B) for a period of at least 18 months during peacetime; (2) received an honorable discharge; and (3) has lived in Indiana for at least three years. Defines "eligible property" as any real property or mobile home or manufactured home assessed as personal property used as a principal place of residence and receiving a homestead standard deduction for the most recent assessment date. Specifies, beginning with assessment dates after December 31, 2022, that for purposes of calculating the amount of a deduction from assessed value for an eligible property, the assessed value used is the assessed value remaining after the application of the 50% exemption. Provides, beginning with assessment dates after December 31, 2022, that for other purposes that are not calculating the amount of a deduction, the assessed value to be applied is the assessed value determined without regard to the 50% exemption.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 -

Authored bySen. Stacey Donato

Urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name each bridge crossing the Wabash River on State Road 25 near Biddle Island in Logansport, Indiana, the "Corporal Humberto A. Briseno Sanchez Memorial Bridge". (Marine Afghanistan Vet)

Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 -

Authored bySen. Chris Garten

Urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing Blue Lick Creek on US 31 near Memphis, Indiana, the "Corporal Jordan L. Spears Memorial Bridge". (Marine Iraq Vet}

House Concurrent Resolution 6 -

Authored byRep. Ed Soliday

Urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge on I-65 over the Wabash River as the "Captain Ronald D. Gutwein Memorial Bridge". *(A VietNam Vet)*