

# Veteran Related Bills for 2023 Session

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Senate Bill 29 - Disabled veterans.

Authored by Sen. David Niezgodski

Committee – Veterans Affairs and the Military

Status –

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 193 - Tuition and fee exemptions.

Authored by Sen. J.D. Ford

Committee – Appropriations

Status –

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

Senate Bill 279 - Indiana national guard matters.

Authored by Sen. Arron Freeman

Committee – Veterans Affairs and the Military

Status –

Provides that a court-martial of a member of the Indiana national guard may be convened by orders of the governor or the adjutant general. (Current law provides that a court-martial of a member of the Indiana national guard may be convened by orders of the governor.) Provides that a member of the Indiana national guard may not demand trial by court-martial in lieu of nonjudicial punishment. Removes a provision permitting a commanding officer to order a member of the officer's command to be confined under correctional custody for not more than eight days. Makes changes to the disciplinary punishment an officer exercising command may impose.

Senate Bill 362 - County service officers.

Authored by Sen. Ron Alting

Committee – Local Government

Status –

Provides that at least 5% of the funds a county receives under the excise tax replacement disbursement to be used to fund county service officers is to be set aside from each individual county's distribution after the state welfare and tuition support allocation is deducted from the total amount available for apportionment and distribution. Requires a county with more than 2,500 veterans to hire an additional part-time county service officer for every 2,500 veterans.

Other Senate Bills of Interest:

SB 332 - Planning and zoning affecting military bases.

SB 355 - Property tax matters. ((Spouses of WWI Veterans)

**SB 367: Childcare or military families.** (Outside military bases)

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House Bill 1023 - Additional renter's deduction for disabled veterans.

Authored by Rep. Jerry Torr

Committee – Ways and Means

Status –

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 1026 - Small loan finance charges.

Authored by Rep. Cindy Hamilton

Committee – Financial Institutions

Status –

Changes the current incremental finance charge limits (36%) 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 1027 - Renter's tax deduction for disabled veterans.

Authored by Rep. Mike Aylesworth

Committee – Ways and Means

Status –

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 1034 - Income tax exemption for military pay.

Authored by Rep. Randy Frye

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

Status – Hearing Jan 18

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 1044 - State Park admission to military members and veterans.

Authored by Rep. Steve Bartels

Committee – Natural Resources

Status –

Requires the department of natural resources (department) to provide free admission to: (1) members of the armed forces of the United States or Indiana National Guard; and (2) certain veterans of the armed forces of the United States or Indiana National Guard; as well as the individual's motor vehicle, including

passengers within the individual's motor vehicle to Indiana state parks, recreation areas, reservoirs, forests, historic sites, museums, memorials, and other department properties. Eliminates provisions that provide that an individual who: (1) is eligible for a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate; or (2) is issued a prisoner of war license plate; may purchase a Golden Hoosier Passport.

## House Bill 1056 - State veterans' cemeteries.

Authored by Rep. Randy Frye

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

### Status –

Provides that the Indiana state veterans' cemetery may include more than one physical location. Provides eligibility for burial in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery to certain members of: (1) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; (2) the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force. Provides eligibility for burial in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery to spouses of, minor children of, and unmarried adult children of certain members of: (1) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; (2) the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force. Removes program directors of the state approving agency from the list of the employees who must satisfy certain criteria to qualify as a director of veterans' affairs. Amends language addressing one time grants provided by the military family relief fund.

## House Bill 1076 - Indiana national guard matters.

Authored by Rep. Chris Jeter

Committee – Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

### Status – Jan 9 hearing: Do Pass. Opposed by Coalition

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House Bill 1150- Hunting season for disabled veterans.

Authored by Rep. David Abbott

Committee – Natural Resources

Status –

Provides that the director of the department of natural resources may designate four days a year as free hunting days for critically disabled veterans to take place on the same dates as free hunting days for youth. Defines "critically disabled veteran".

House Bill 1276 - Tax matters relating to veterans.

Authored by Rep. Renee Pack

Committee – Ways and Means

Status –

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. 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. 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 1309 - Property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Authored by Rep. Bob Cherry

Committee – Ways and Means

Status –

Provides a property tax exemption for veterans who meet certain criteria.

Other House Bills of Interest:

HB 1104 - Green alert for missing at risk veterans.

HB 1223 - Military veteran teachers.