

Veteran Bills Passed by the 2023 Session

As of – May 2 See <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/bills/> for details

Senate Bill 290 - BMV disclosure of personal information.

Status – **Awaiting Governor's signature**

Requires the bureau of motor vehicles (BMV) to disclose to the department of veterans' affairs (department) certain personal information included on an application form for a disabled Hoosier veteran license plate, a Purple Heart license plate, a Hoosier veteran license plate, a support our troops license plate, and an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal license plate unless the applicant makes an affirmative statement against the disclosure. Sets forth the purposes for which the personal information may be used by the department.

Senate Resolution 3 – Honoring Women Veterans

Status – **Adopted**

Senate Resolution 13 – Honoring ROA

Status – **Adopted**

Senate Resolution 21 – Congratulating Honor Flights -10 Years

Status – **Adopted**

Other Senate Bills of Interest:

SB 332 - Planning and zoning affecting military bases. **Public Law 43**

SB 384 – Purple Star designation. **Public Law 49**

House Bill 1034 - Income tax exemption for military pay.

Status –Awaiting Governor’s signature

Exempts military pay for members of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the national guard from the individual income tax. Exempts military pay earned by members of an active component of the armed forces of the United States from the individual income tax.

House Bill 1056 - State veterans' cemeteries.

Status – Signed by Governor

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. Provides that the Indiana department of veterans affairs may provide grants to a qualified entity that provides services to veterans and is exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code for veteran suicide prevention.

House Bill 1076 - Indiana national guard matters.

Status –Signed by Governor. Opposed by Coalition, etal.

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.

House Bill 1511 - Higher ed scholarships, grants, and cost exemptions.

Status – Awaiting Governor’s signature

Provides that money in the National Guard tuition supplement program fund and the National Guard scholarship extension fund may not be expended, removed, or transferred from the respective fund except to be used for the purposes of the respective fund. Provides that an eligible applicant for: (1) a scholarship under the National Guard tuition supplement program; or (2) an educational cost exemption or award; may apply for a scholarship, exemption, or award to attend a state educational institution or an approved postsecondary educational institution under certain conditions.

House Bill 1555 - Military family occupational licenses.

Status – **Signed by Governor**

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 (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.

House Bill 1635 – Various education matters.

Status – **Awaiting Governor's signature**

Provides that if the state board establishes an Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery as a graduation pathway, the state board shall require a student who elects the pathway to **submit documentation, on a form prescribed by the department, that demonstrates the student's intent to** enlist in the military as a condition of meeting the pathway requirements. Etal

HCR4 – Honoring CWO Don Mills for action in VietNam

Status – **Adopted**

HCR6 – Honoring SPC Nick Taylor, KIA in Afghanistan

Status – **Adopted**

HCR17 – Honoring the Officers and Crew of USS Indiana.

Status – **Adopted**