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Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

STATUS OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS OF INTEREST TO VETERANS

2nd Regular Session, 102nd General Assembly

STATUS as of: 4/26/2024

NOTE: The listing of bills below reflects those bills that have been filed and **Does NOT** necessarily indicate MAVO endorsement of that legislation. To read the bill please go to the House and Senate web page and look under [Legislation](#).

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

163 Representatives: Republicans – 111, Democrats – 51, Vacancies – 1

Total Bills Filed: HB 1400– 2938; HCR 28 -65; HJR 67 – 188 HR 3886 - 44926
HRB 1; HC 0

HB 1419-- Sponsor: Robert Sauls (118) Co-sponsors: none
3687H.01-- *Authorizes the Missouri Disabled Veterans Homestead Exemption (property tax)*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
2/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	2/01/2023 Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 10	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 176	Read Second Time (H)
1/11/2024	H 260	Referred: Special Committee on Property Ta

HB 1427-- Sponsor: Mike McGirl (021) Co-sponsors: none
3687H.01I- *Establishes the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	
1/03/2024	H 11	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 177	Read Second Time (H)
2/22/2024	H 631	Referred: Ways and Means(H)
2/27/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/29/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/29/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)

3/05/2024	H 772 - 773	HCS Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 10 NOES: 1 PRESENT: 0
3/07/2024	H 819	Referred: Rules - Legislative Oversight(H)
3/13/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/13/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
3/13/2024	H 928	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 6 NOES: 2 PRESENT: 0
3/25/2024	H 967	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)
3/26/2024	H 989	Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar (H)
4/03/2024	H 1197	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)
4/15/2024	H 1400	Placed Back on Formal Perfection Calendar (H)
4/16/2024	H 1412	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar

[HB 1459](#)-- Sponsor: Greg Sharpe (004) Co-sponsors: none
 4218H.011-- *Modifies provisions relating to Disabled American Veterans license plates*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
12/01/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 12	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 178	Read Second Time (H)
2/15/2024	H 541	Referred: Transportation Infrastructure(H)
2/21/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/28/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/28/2024		Voted Do Pass - Consent (H)
2/29/2024	H 711	Reported Do Pass - Consent (H) - AYES: 11 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/29/2024	H 711	Referred: Consent and House Procedure(H)
3/12/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/12/2024		Voted Do Pass - Consent (H)
3/13/2024	H 926	Reported Do Pass - Consent (H) - AYES: 6 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
3/27/2024	H 1031	Perfectd by Consent - Pursuant to House Rules (H)
4/10/2024	H 1346	Placed on the Informal Third Reading Calendar (H)
4/15/2024	H 1400	Placed Back on Third Reading Calendar (H)
4/16/2024	H 1417	Placed on the Informal Third Reading Calendar (H)

[HB 1495](#)-- Sponsor: Dave Griffith (060) Co-sponsors: none
 3565H.011-- *Tasks the Missouri Veterans Commission with expanding its efforts to prevent veteran suicide*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
12/01/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 14	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 180	Read Second Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 213	Referred: Veterans(H)
1/09/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
1/16/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
1/16/2024		Voted Do Pass - Consent (H)
1/16/2024	H 270	Reported Do Pass - Consent (H) - AYES: 8 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
1/16/2024	H 270	Referred: Consent and House Procedure(H)
1/23/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
1/23/2024		Voted Do Pass - Consent (H)

1/24/2024	H 332	Reported Do Pass - Consent (H) - AYES: 8 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/15/2024	H 545	Perfect by Consent - Pursuant to House Rules (H)
2/21/2024	H 611	Taken Up for Third Reading (H)
2/21/2024	H 611 - 612	Third Read and Passed (H) - AYES: 157 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/21/2024	S 330	Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
3/07/2024	S 478	Second read and referred: Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions(S)
3/14/2024		Public Hearing Scheduled (S) - Thursday, March 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Senate Committee Room 2
3/14/2024		Public Hearing Held (S)
3/27/2024		Executive Session Held (S)
3/27/2024		Voted Do Pass (S)
3/28/2024	S 594	Reported Do Pass (S)
4/17/2024	S 698	Placed on Informal Calendar

HB 1496-- Sponsor: Dave Griffith (060) Co-sponsors: none
3568H.011-- *Establishes the Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Allies Refuge Program which authorizes the issuance of a medallion, medal, and certificate to certain veterans who served in specified conflicts*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
12/01/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 14	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 180	Read Second Time (H)
1/25/2024	H 340	Referred: Veterans(H)
1/30/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/06/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/06/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
2/06/2024	H 456	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 9 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/08/2024	H 494	Referred: Rules - Regulatory Oversight(H)
2/12/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/12/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
2/15/2024	H 544	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 8 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
3/04/2024	H 740	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)
3/06/2024	H 783	Taken Up for Perfection (H)
3/06/2024	H 783	Title of Bill - Agreed To
3/06/2024	H 783	Perfect (H)
3/11/2024	H 832	Taken Up for Third Reading (H)
3/11/2024	H 832 - 833	Third Read and Passed (H) - AYES: 151 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
3/11/2024	S 488	Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
3/28/2024	S 599	Second read and referred: Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions(S)
4/02/2024		Public Hearing Scheduled (S) - Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m., Senate Lounge.
4/03/2024		Public Hearing Held (S)
4/09/2024		Executive Session Scheduled - AMENDED 1 - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Senate Lounge.
4/10/2024		Executive Session Held (S)
4/10/2024		Voted Do Pass (S)

HB 1521-- Sponsor: Brad Hudson (138) Co-sponsors: none
 3463H.011-- *Establishes the Defend the Guard Act*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	
1/03/2024	H 16	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 181	Read Second Time (H)

HB 1661-- Sponsor: Bob Brumley (162) Co-sponsors: none
 3249H.021-- *Designates July 16 each year as Atomic Veterans Day*

Date	Jrn Page	Activity Description
12/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	
1/03/2024	H 18	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 183	Read Second Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 213	Referred: Professional Registration and Licensing

HB 1712-- Sponsor: Adam Schnelting (069) Co-sponsors: none
 3308H.011-- *Allows Missouri National Guard member educational assistance grants to be available for tuition at out-of-state educational institutions*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	
1/03/2024	H 26	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 189	Read Second Time (H)
2/01/2024	H 422	Referred: Special Committee on Tax Reform(H)
2/20/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/27/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/27/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)

HB 1713-- Sponsor: Adam Schnelting (069) Co-sponsors: none
 2950H.011-- *Modifies provisions relating to income tax deductions for enlistment bonuses paid to members of the armed forces*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023	Prefiled (H)	
1/03/2024	H 26	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 189	Read Second Time (H)
2/01/2024	H 422	Referred: Special Committee on Tax Reform(H)
2/06/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/13/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/13/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
2/28/2024	H 686	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 9 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/29/2024	H 711	Referred: Rules - Legislative Oversight(H)
3/04/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/04/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
3/04/2024	H 743	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 9 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
3/06/2024	H 780	Placed on the Informal Perfection Calendar (H)
3/06/2024	H 780	Taken Up for Perfection (H)
3/06/2024	H 780	Title of Bill - Agreed To

3/06/2024	H 782	Perfected (H)
3/11/2024	H 830	Taken Up for Third Reading (H)
3/11/2024	H 830 - 831	Third Read and Passed (H) - AYES: 141 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
3/11/2024	S 488	Reported to the Senate and First Read (S)
3/28/2024	S 599	Second read and referred: Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions(S)
4/02/2024		Public Hearing Scheduled (S) - Wednesday April 3, 2024, 12:00 p.m., Senate Lounge.
4/03/2024		Public Hearing Held (S)
4/09/2024		Executive Session Scheduled - AMENDED 1 - Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 11:00 a.m., Senate Lounge.
4/10/2024		Executive Session Held (S)
4/10/2024		Voted Do Pass (S)
4/22/2024	S 725	Reported Do Pass (S)

HB 1832-- Sponsor: Aaron McMullen (020) Co-sponsors: none
3219H.011-- *Clarifies the military personnel are eligible for in-state tuition for undergraduate and graduate degree programs*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/07/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 32	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 194	Read Second Time (H)
4/04/2024	H 1299	Referred: Veterans(H)
4/09/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB 1988-- Sponsor: Phil Amato (113) Co-sponsors: none
4533H.011-- *Modifies provisions relating to the military honor detail program*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/19/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 40	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 201	Read Second Time (H)
2/08/2024	H 492	Referred: Veterans(H)
2/13/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
3/05/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/05/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)
4/17/2024	H 1432	HCS Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 12 NOES: 1 PRESENT: 0
4/17/2024	H 1434	Referred: Rules - Regulatory Oversight(H)
4/22/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
4/22/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
4/22/2024	H 1467	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 8 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0

HB 2091-- Sponsor: Michael O'Donnell (095) Co-sponsors: none
3678H.021 - *Establishes a special license plate for veterans of military operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/27/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 44	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 204	Read Second Time (H)
2/15/2024	H 541	Referred: Transportation Infrastructure(H)
2/21/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)

2/28/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/28/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)

[HB 2100](#)-- Sponsor: Dave Griffith (060) Co-sponsors: none
 4780H.011 - *Requires the department of transportation to install signs to honor recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
12/27/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 45	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 205	Read Second Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 214	Referred: Transportation Accountability(H)
1/11/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/22/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/22/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)

[HB 2215](#)-- Sponsor: Chris Brown (016) Co-sponsors: Chris Lonsdale & Bill Allen
 4770H.011- *Creates provisions relating to alternative therapies for veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
1/03/2024	H 51	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 210	Read Second Time (H)
2/15/2024	H 541	Referred: Veterans(H)
2/27/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
3/05/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/05/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)

[HB 2835](#)—Sponsor Crystal Quade (132) Co-sponsors: none
 5715H.011- *Establishes provisions for interactive digital games played on mechanical amusement devices and authorizes sports wagering*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
2/27/2024	H 663	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
2/28/2024	H 680	Read Second Time (H)
4/17/2024	H 1431	Referred: Special Committee on Innovation and Technology(H)

[HB 2901](#)—Sponsor Bill Allen (017) Co-sponsors: none
 5972H.011- *Modifies provisions related to gaming*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
2/29/2024	H 695	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
3/01/2024	H 722	Read Second Time (H)

[HB 2921](#)—Sponsor Bill Hardwick(121) Co-sponsors: none
 5872H.011- *Modifies provisions related to gaming*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Jrn Pg</u>	<u>Activity Description</u>
2/29/2024	H 696	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
3/01/2024	H 722	Read Second Time (H)

HJR 74-- Sponsor: Dave Griffith (060) Co-sponsors: none
 3994H.011-- *Proposes a constitutional amendment dividing state revenues from gaming activities between public institutions of elementary, secondary, and higher education and the administration of the Missouri Veterans Commission*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 7	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 174	Read Second Time (H)
4/04/2024	H 1299	Referred: Special Committee on Tax Reform(H)
4/09/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)

HJR 75-- Sponsor: Alan Gray (075) Co-sponsors: none
 3571H.011 *Proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri relating to property tax exemptions*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/01/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 7	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 174	Read Second Time (H)
1/11/2024	H 260	Referred: Special Committee on Property Tax Reform(H)
1/31/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/07/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/07/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)
4/03/2024	H 1268	HCS Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 20 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
4/04/2024	H 1303	Referred: Rules - Administrative Oversight(H)
4/09/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
4/09/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
4/09/2024	H 1329	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 7 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0

HJR 95-- Sponsor: Dave Griffith (060) Co-sponsors: none
 3699H.011 *Proposes a constitutional amendment granting property tax exemptions to certain disabled veterans*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
12/05/2023		Prefiled (H)
1/03/2024	H 8	Read First Time (H)
1/04/2024	H 175	Read Second Time (H)
1/11/2024	H 260	Referred: Special Committee on Property Tax Reform(H)

HJR 118-- Sponsor: Ahley Aune (014) Co-sponsors: none
 4862H.011 *Proposes a constitutional amendment relating to a property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
1/11/2024	H 257	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
1/16/2024	H 268	Read Second Time (H)

HCR 36-- Sponsor: Jerome Barnes (028) Co-sponsors: Michael Johnson (023) Darrell Atchison (153)
 5120H.011 *Designates the week of November 4-11, 2024 as "Veterans Week of Service"*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
1/11/2024	H 257	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
1/16/2024	H 268	Read Second Time (H)

2/01/2024	H 421	Referred: Veterans(H)
2/06/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
2/13/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/13/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)
2/13/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
2/13/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)
2/14/2024	H 532	HCS Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 12 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
2/29/2024	H 711	Referred: Rules - Legislative Oversight(H)
3/04/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/04/2024		Voted Do Pass (H)
3/04/2024	H 742	Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 9 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0
4/03/2024	H 1190	Placed on the Informal Third Reading Calendar (H)
4/22/2024	H 1467	Placed Back on Third Reading Calendar (H)

[HCR 41](#)-- Sponsor: Kurtis Gegory (051) Co-sponsors: none
5384H.011 *Urges the Governor to send Missouri National Guard members to the state of Texas in protection of the borders of the United States*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
1/30/2024	H 392	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
1/31/2024	H 406	Read Second Time (H)
2/01/2024	H 421	Referred: Special Committee on Homeland Security(H)
3/04/2024		Public Hearing Completed (H)
3/11/2024		Executive Session Completed (H)
3/11/2024		HCS Voted Do Pass (H)

[HCR 48](#)-- Sponsor: Aaron McMullen (020) Co-sponsors: Doug Richey (039)
5405H.011 *Urges the Governor to send Missouri National Guard members to the state of Texas in protection of the borders of the United States*

Date	Jrn Pg	Activity Description
2/01/2024	H 418	Introduced and Read First Time (H)
2/05/2024	H 434	Read Second Time (H)

102nd 2nd Session House Veterans Committee

Dave Griffith Chair (060)
Herman Morse Vice Chair (151)
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Hardy Billington (152)
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Tara Peters (122)
Jim Schulte (049)
Brian Seitz (156)
Ashley Bland Manlove (026)
Yolanda Fountain Henderson (085)
Alan Gray (075)

Veterans

House Hearings – none through 5/1/2024

	<u>DATES OF Interest</u>
First Day of Session	January 3, Wednesday
Matin Luther King Jr. Day	January 15, Monday
No Session	
Spring Break	March 18, Monday to March 22, Friday
Easter Break - No Session	April 1, Monday
Last Day of Session	May 17, Friday
Veto Session	September 11, Wednesday,

SENATE

34 Senators: Republicans – 24 Democrats – 10

Total Bills Filed: SB 724-1520 SCR 20 -37 SJR 48-95 SR 552 - 647

SB 734--- Sponsor: **Bill Eigel (23)** Co-sponsors: None
4159S.011-- Modifies provisions relating to military affairs

12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S28
1/8/2024	Second Read and Referred S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	S108
1/10/2024	Hearing Conducted S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	
1/17/2024	SCS Voted Do Pass S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee (4159S.04C)	
3/7/2024	Reported from S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee w/SCS	S473
4/18/2024	Bill Placed on Informal Calendar	S711
4/29/2024	Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection	
12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S28
1/8/2024	Second Read and Referred S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	S108
1/10/2024	Hearing Conducted S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	
1/17/2024	SCS Voted Do Pass S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee (4159S.04C)	
3/7/2024	Reported from S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee w/SCS	S473
3/14/2024	Formal Calendar S Bills for Perfection	

SB 824--- Sponsor: **Denny Hoskins (21)** Co-sponsors: None
3666S.041-- Modifies provisions relating to gaming -

12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S36
1/11/2024	Second Read and Referred S Appropriations Committee	S143

SB 852--- Sponsor: **Tony Luetkemeyer (34)** Co-sponsors: None
3107S.011-- Authorizes sports wagering-

12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S62
1/11/2024	Second Read and Referred S Appropriations Committee	S144

SB 1197--- Sponsor: **Angela Mosley(13)** Co-sponsors: None
4446S.011-- Modifies the compensation of certain state employees in positions within Missouri Veterans' Homes

12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S71
1/25/2024	Second Read and Referred S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	S234

SB 1322--- Sponsor: Sandy Crawford(28) Co-sponsors: None

4987S.011 -- Modifies provisions relating to education assistance for members of the Missouri National Guard

/11/2024	S First Read	S141
1/25/2024	Second Read and Referred S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	S238
2/21/2024	Hearing Conducted S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	
4/24/2024	SCS Voted Do Pass S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee (4987S.02C)	
1/11/2024	S First Read	S141
1/25/2024	Second Read and Referred S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	S238
2/21/2024	Hearing Conducted S Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee	

SJR 58--- Sponsor: Tony Luetkemeyer(34) Co-sponsors: None

3794S.011 -- Exempts certain disabled veterans from property taxes (no bill summary was available)

12/1/2023	Prefiled	
1/3/2024	S First Read	S81
1/25/2024	Second Read and Referred S Local Government and Elections Committee	S240
2/26/2024	Hearing Conducted S Local Government and Elections Committee	
3/4/2024	Voted Do Pass S Local Government and Elections Committee	

SCR 29--- Sponsor: Jill Carter(32) Co-sponsors: None

5371S.011-- Urges the Governor to send Missouri National Guard members to aid the state of Texas in protection of the borders of the United States

1/25/2024	S Offered	S221-222
2/1/2024	Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee	S261

102nd 2nd Session Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions Committee

Rusty Black (12th) Chair
Elaine Gannon (3rd) Vice chair
Rick Brattin (31st)
Bill Eigel (23rd)
Tracy McCreery (24th)
Steve Roberts (5th)
Nick Schroer (2nd)

Hearings

Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Pensions, Senator Rusty Black, Chairman

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 8:30 AM

Room: SCR 2

HB 1495 - Griffith

Requires the Missouri Veterans Commission recommend and implement efforts to prevent veteran suicide

Executive Session may follow on any bill heard by this committee



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Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations **LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - 2024**

1. **(Priority) Fully fund the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) and transfer its Personnel Services to funding by General Revenue.**

MVC is funded by three dedicated sources: Department of Veterans Affairs, Missouri Gaming Commission, and the Missouri Veterans Health and Care Fund. Maintaining the necessary level of funding for the operations, maintenance, and capital improvements of State Veterans Homes, State Cemeteries, Veterans Service Officers Program, Veterans Grant Programs, and other needs of Missouri veterans is a priority. Since FY20, MVC has required additional short-term funding support from the state. A long-term solution is required.

2. **Advocate for additional funding to increase Veterans' Service Officers and their pay to include Grant Partnership Veterans Organizations Service Officers to help ensure Missouri's 425,000 Veterans receive the benefits they have earned through their service.**

Given that the state's economy receives a return of \$134 for every dollar spent on a MVC VSO, the economic impact demonstrates that Missouri should provide additional funding for Veterans Service Officers. MAVO supports legislation that protects Veterans from Predatory Actors who seek to profit from benefits that have been earned by those who serve our nation. MVC Veterans Service Officers and their Grant Partners receive no payment taken from the veteran's benefits.

3. **Enhance Real and Personal Property Tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans.**

Currently, there is a tax exemption for Veterans that are 100% disabled AND are former Prisoners of War. This narrow exemption provides assistance to very few if any Missouri Veterans.

4. **Allocate the first 10% of internet gaming revenue to the Missouri Veterans Commission.**

As internet gaming is considered by legislators, Missouri's Veterans should be considered a priority to replace the declining revenue generated by riverboat gaming. MVC should receive a dedicated percentage of the revenues rather than what is left over after other agencies receive their percentage.