

Veterans Bills – February 15, 2016

2016 Bills (26)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0083	Relating to Identification Cards and Driver Licenses	Santiago	02/02/16
(I: 0158)	<p>Identification Cards and Driver Licenses: Provides for person's status as lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman licensee, or boater safety identification cardholder, to be indicated on his or her identification card or driver license; prohibits person born after specified date from operating certain vessel unless such person has in his or her possession photographic identification & boater safety identification card or state-issued identification card or driver license; requires each recreational license & state-issued identification card or driver license indicating possession of recreational license to be in personal possession of person to whom such license is issued while person is taking, attempting to take, or possessing game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. Effective Date: July 1, 2016</p> <p>08/20/15 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>09/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>09/10/15 HOUSE Now in Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee</p> <p>10/13/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee, 10/20/15, 1:00 pm, 116 K</p> <p>10/20/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>10/21/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>10/28/15 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</p> <p>01/14/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 102 H</p> <p>01/19/16 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/19/16 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee</p> <p>01/26/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 01/28/16, 9:00 am, 102 H</p> <p>01/28/16 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Affairs Committee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>01/28/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>01/29/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/02/16</p> <p>02/02/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0158; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0158</p>		
SB 0088	Relating to Gold Star License Plates	Simpson	01/21/16
(S: 0435)	<p>Gold Star License Plates; Including certain individuals as qualified for issuance of a</p>		

-) Gold Star license plate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016
- 08/03/15 SENATE Filed
- 08/19/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Fiscal Policy
- 10/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 11/04/15, 2:00 pm, 37 S
- 11/04/15 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 11/05/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- 11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 11/17/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S
- 11/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 11/18/15 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
- 11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 12/03/15, 1:00 pm, 412 K
- 12/03/15 SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 12/03/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- 01/11/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/13/16
- 01/13/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 1/15/16
- 01/15/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 0 Nays)
- 01/21/16 HOUSE In Messages

**[SB 0128](#) Relating to Services for Combat Veterans and [Simpson](#) 10/07/15
Their Families**

Services for Combat Veterans and Their Families; Defining the term “combat veteran”; requiring that the Department of Children and Families establish the Florida Combat Veterans’ Care Coordination Program to provide combat veterans (I: [0269](#)) and their families with behavioral health care referral and care coordination services; requiring that the department contract with managing entities to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants for such services, etc.
 APPROPRIATION: \$2,000,155.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2016

- 08/13/15 SENATE Filed
- 08/21/15 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations
- 09/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 09/16/15, 4:00 pm, 301 S
- 09/16/15 SENATE Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 09/17/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- 09/28/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 10/06/15, 10:00 am, 37 S
- 10/06/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 10/07/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[SB 0158](#) Relating to Identification Cards and Driver [Hutson](#) 02/11/16

Licenses

Identification Cards and Driver Licenses; Providing for a person's status as a lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman licensee, or boater safety identification cardholder, to be indicated on his or her identification (I: [0083](#)) card or driver license upon payment of an additional fee and presentation of the person's lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman's license, or boater safety identification card; providing a waiver of the replacement fee in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

08/20/15 SENATE Filed

09/09/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

09/28/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 10/08/15, 9:00 am, 37 S

10/08/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

10/08/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

10/09/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

10/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 11/03/15, 2:00 pm, 301 S

11/03/15 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/03/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 11/19/15, 1:00 pm, 412 K

11/19/15 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/19/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

01/11/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/13/16

01/13/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 1/15/16

01/15/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 34 Yeas / 0 Nays)

01/21/16 HOUSE In Messages

01/28/16 HOUSE Referred to Calendar

01/29/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/02/16

02/02/16 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0083; Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (356205); Placed on Third Reading, 02/03/16

02/03/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays)

02/10/16 SENATE Ordered enrolled

02/10/16 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

02/11/16 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/12/16, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 0159](#) **Relating to Tax Exemptions for Disabled Servicemembers and Veterans** [Broxson](#) 10/28/15

Tax Exemptions for Disabled Servicemembers and Veterans: Exempts from imposition of documentary stamp taxes the conveyance of homestead property to disabled servicemembers & veterans by certain nonprofit organizations; provides

eligibility criteria for exemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2016
09/11/15 HOUSE Filed
09/24/15 HOUSE Referred to Finance & Tax Committee; Veteran & Military
Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
09/24/15 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee
10/21/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating
Impact Conference, 10/23/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
10/28/15 HOUSE Withdrawn from Finance and Tax Committee; Veteran and
Military Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee
10/28/15 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[SB 0184](#) Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs [Bean](#) 01/21/16

Military and Veterans Affairs; Requiring the application form for an original,
renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include a voluntary
(S: [0429](#)
) checkoff authorizing veterans to request written or electronic information on
federal, state, and local benefits and services for veterans; creating the Military and
Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the Department of State; providing
legislative findings regarding continuing education for veterans of the United States
Armed Forces, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016
08/26/15 SENATE Filed
09/15/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations
09/28/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space,
and Domestic Security, 10/06/15, 10:00 am, 37 S
10/06/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/07/15 SENATE Now in Ethics and Elections
10/12/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 10/21/15, 4:00 pm,
412 K
10/21/15 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/22/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations
11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 11/19/15, 1:00 pm, 412
K
11/19/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/23/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/23/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/11/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/13/16
01/13/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn (444364); Placed
on Third Reading, 1/15/16
01/15/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 33 Yeas / 0 Nays)
01/21/16 HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0235](#) Relating to Parking for Disabled Veterans [Roberson](#) 12/09/15

Parking for Disabled Veterans: Requires governing body of publicly owned or
(I: [0222](#)) publicly operated airport to grant free parking to vehicle displaying specified license
plates for disabled veterans; clarifies that such license plates are exempt from

certain parking fees charged by county, municipality, or agency thereof. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

09/24/15 HOUSE Filed

10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee

10/13/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee, 10/20/15, 1:00 pm, 116 K

10/20/15 HOUSE Favorable by Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

10/20/15 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

11/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 11/17/15, 9:00 am, 102 H

11/17/15 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/17/15 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee

11/24/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 12/03/15, 9:00 am, 102 H

12/03/15 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Affairs Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/03/15 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

12/09/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/11/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

HB 0263	Relating to Small Business Financial Assistance	Diaz (M)	10/07/15
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(S: [0404](#))
Small Business Financial Assistance: Creates Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within Department of Veterans' Affairs; directs Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to administer program; authorizes corporation to accept & administer moneys appropriated for such grants; limits grant amount small businesses may receive under program; provides requirements for receiving grants; requires corporation to provide certain notice to regional small business development centers; provides for program termination. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

09/30/15 HOUSE Filed

10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

HB 0269	Relating to Services for Veterans and their Families	Sprowls	11/19/15
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(I: [0128](#)) Services for Veterans and their Families: Requires DCF to establish Florida Combat Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide combat veterans & their families with behavioral healthcare referral & care coordination services & to contract with managing entities to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants for such services; provides for statewide delivery of services by program teams;

requires Florida 211 Network participants to collect & submit certain information to DCF; requires DCF to submit report to Governor & Legislature; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

10/01/15 HOUSE Filed

10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

11/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee, 11/18/15, 3:30 pm, 12 H

11/18/15 HOUSE Favorable by Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/19/15 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 0279](#) **Relating to Annual Sales Tax Holiday for Veterans of the United States Armed Forces** [McGhee](#) 10/07/15

(S: [0538](#)) Annual Sales Tax Holiday for Veterans of the United States Armed Forces: Creates annual sales tax holiday for veterans of US Armed Forces; specifies items eligible for sales tax holiday; specifies tax treatment of layaways, exchanges, & Internet sales; provides definitions; specifies reporting requirements of retailers; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

10/02/15 HOUSE Filed

10/07/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 10/09/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Committee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 0404](#) **Relating to Small Business Financial Assistance** [Garcia](#) 12/04/15

(S: [0263](#)) Small Business Financial Assistance; Creating the Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; requiring a small business to apply to and enter into an agreement with the corporation to receive grants; requiring the corporation to notify the appropriate regional small business development center of a small business' participation; providing for termination of the program, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$10,000,000.00 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 2016, this act shall take effect October 1, 2016

10/01/15 SENATE Filed

10/09/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 11/17/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S

11/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/18/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development

11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 12/03/15, 3:30 pm, 301 S

12/03/15 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/04/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 0429](#) Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs [Steube](#) 02/12/16

Military and Veterans Affairs: Requires application form for original, renewal, or replacement driver licenses or identification cards to include option for veterans to request information on local, state, & federal benefits & services available as result of military service; requires DHSMV to report veteran contact information monthly to DVA; requires DVA to provide such information to third-party provider & county or city veteran service officers; prohibits third-party provider from selling such information; requires third-party provider to maintain confidentiality of information; creates Military & Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within DOS; directs State Board of Education & Board of Governors of the State University System to provide academic credit for military training & coursework & other support services for veterans. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

(S: [0184](#))

10/23/15 HOUSE Filed

11/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

11/05/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

01/14/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 12 H

01/19/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/22/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/25/16 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

02/12/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 02/16/16, 3:00 pm, 212 K

[HB 0439](#) Relating to Mental Health Services in Criminal Justice System [McBurney](#) 02/12/16

Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System: Expands eligibility for military veterans & servicemembers for certain programs; authorizes creation of mental health court programs; authorizes county court to order conditional release of defendant for outpatient care & treatment; authorizes Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in specified judicial circuits; provides for courts to order certain defendants on probation or community control to postadjudicatory mental health court programs; expands eligibility requirements for certain pretrial intervention programs; provides eligibility of misdemeanor defendants for misdemeanor pretrial mental health court programs; authorizes delinquency pretrial mental health court intervention programs for certain juvenile offenders. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

(C: [00120604](#))

10/26/15 HOUSE Filed

11/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee

11/05/15 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
11/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 11/17/15, 9:00 am, 404 H
11/17/15 HOUSE Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/17/15 HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee
11/24/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee, 12/02/15, 9:00 am, 12 H
12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/17/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/04/16 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
01/25/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 01/27/16, 12:00 pm, 212 K
01/27/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 25 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/01/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/02/16 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/08/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/10/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/10/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/11/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed
02/12/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 0518	Relating to Special License Plates	Soto	02/10/16
(C: 0511 0588)	Special License Plates; Creating a special license plate for recipients of the Bronze Star medal; requiring any revenue generated from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates to be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, instead of the Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund; requiring certain homes to deposit all moneys received from the sale of Woman Veteran license plates into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016		

10/13/15 SENATE Filed
10/21/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Fiscal Policy
11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 12/03/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S
12/03/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/04/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
12/07/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S
01/11/16 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/12/16 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
01/15/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 01/20/16, 4:00 pm, 412 K
01/20/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Fiscal Policy; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/22/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
01/22/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/22/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/28/16
01/28/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment adopted (563022); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading, 02/02/16
01/28/16 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/02/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/10/16 HOUSE In Messages

[SB 0604](#) **Relating to Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System** [Diaz de la Portilla](#) 02/12/16

Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System; Expanding eligibility for military veterans and servicemembers court programs; authorizing the creation of treatment-based mental health court programs; creating the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program; expanding eligibility requirements for certain pretrial intervention programs; authorizing pretrial mental health court programs for certain juvenile offenders, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

(C: [0439](#))

10/21/15 SENATE Filed
11/04/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations
11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 11/17/15, 3:30 pm, 110 S
11/17/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/19/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/19/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
01/04/16 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, 01/05/16, 11:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
02/12/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 02/17/16, 10:00 am, 401 S

[HB 0611](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions** [Hager](#) 01/14/16

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions: Exempts surviving unremarried spouse of certain deceased veterans from payment of ad valorem taxes for certain homesteads in this state, irrespective of state in which veteran's homestead was located at time of death, if certain conditions are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

(S: [0804](#))

11/09/15 HOUSE Filed
11/17/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Committee; Appropriations Committee
11/17/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee
12/09/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/11/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
12/17/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/18/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
01/04/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs

Subcommittee, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 12 H
01/11/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee;
11 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/13/16 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating
Impact Conference, 01/14/16, 3:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
01/13/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/14/16 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

[HB 0641](#) **Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** [Trumbull](#) 02/02/16

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Revises composition of Board of Professional Surveyors & Mappers; waives specified license & registration fees for honorably discharged veterans of U.S. Armed Forces, spouses of such veterans, or business entities that have majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses of such veterans; requires certain license application for private investigative, private security, & repossession services to include payment of fingerprint processing retention fees; revises firearm & weapons training certification requirements for certain licenses; directs FDLE to retain certain fingerprints & to enter such fingerprints into statewide automated biometric identification system & national retained print arrest notification program; directs DACS to provide such information to certain employers; prohibits use of mail drop as principal location of commercial telephone sellers; provides requirements for travel documents provided by sellers of travel; exempts certain amusement rides from certain safety standards; requires firearm course instructors to maintain records attesting to use of live fire; reduces initial & renewal fees for concealed weapon licenses; provides for certain notice of suspension or revocation of concealed weapon or firearm license or suspension of processing application; requires affidavit for concealed weapon or firearm license renewals; authorizes certain tax collector offices to accept renewal applications for & deliver concealed weapon or firearm licenses; revises provisions relating to liens claimed by motor vehicle repair shops; provides an appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

(C: [0754](#)
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11/12/15 HOUSE Filed
11/23/15 HOUSE Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee;
Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, State
Affairs Committee
11/23/15 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
11/30/15 HOUSE References to Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee and
State Affairs Committee removed; References to Business & Professions
Subcommittee and Regulatory Affairs Committee added; Remaining
references: Business & Professions Subcommittee, Agriculture & Natural
Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, Regulatory Affairs Committee
11/30/15 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee
01/08/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Business & Professions Subcommittee,
01/12/16, 1:30 pm, 12 H
01/12/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 12
Yeas, 1 Nay

01/20/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/21/16 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
01/26/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/28/16, 1:00 pm, 102 H
01/28/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/01/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/02/16 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee

[SB 0666](#) Relating to Voter Identification [Legg](#) 02/10/16

Voter Identification; Expanding the list of acceptable forms of identification for certain voter registration applicants to include veteran health identification cards and licenses to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
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10/28/15 SENATE Filed
11/04/15 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Rules
11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 12/01/15, 3:30 pm, 412 K
12/01/15 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/02/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S
01/11/16 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/12/16 SENATE Now in Rules
01/15/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/20/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S
01/20/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/21/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/28/16
01/28/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments adopted (352418, 264322); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading, 02/02/16
01/28/16 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/02/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/10/16 HOUSE In Messages

[SB 0772](#) Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services [Richter](#) 02/11/16

(C: [0643](#) Regulated Service Providers; Revising the composition of the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers; requiring the department to waive the initial registration fee for an intrastate mover for certain veterans, the spouses of such veterans, or certain business entities that have a majority ownership held by such veterans or spouses; exempting water-related amusement rides operated by lodging and food service establishments and membership campgrounds, amusement rides at private,
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membership-only facilities, and nonprofit permanent facilities from certain safety standards; authorizing certain tax collector offices, upon approval and confirmation of license issuance by the department, to print and deliver concealed weapon or firearm licenses, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016

11/06/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/11/16, 1:30 pm, 110 S

01/11/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/12/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/12/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

01/15/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, 01/21/16, 9:00 am, 110 S

01/21/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/25/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations

01/29/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/03/16, 9:00 am, 412 K - PCS

02/03/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/05/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

02/05/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/11/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/18/16

Relating to Homestead Tax

SB 0778	Exemption/Spouses of Combat-related Disabled Veterans	Altman	01/13/16
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Homestead Tax Exemption/Spouses of Combat-related Disabled Veterans;
(C: [0813](#)) Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property which is received by certain veterans who)
(S: [0811](#)) have permanent, combat-related disabilities to carry over upon the death of the veteran to the benefit of a surviving spouse until the surviving spouse remarries or)
(L: [0816](#)) sells or otherwise disposes of the property and to specify that the discount is transferrable to another permanent residence if the surviving spouse remains unmarried, etc.

11/06/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 12/1/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S

12/01/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/02/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/03/15 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 01/11/16, 1:30 pm, 401 S

01/11/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/13/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

01/13/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations

SB 0804	Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions	Brandes	01/27/16
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(S: [0611](#)) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions; Exempting the unmarried surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans from payment of ad valorem taxes for certain homesteads in this state, irrespective of the state in which the veteran's homestead was located at the time of death, if certain conditions are met, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2017

11/10/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

01/14/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S

01/19/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 3 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/21/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/21/16 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

01/27/16 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/29/16, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

HB 0811	Relating to Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans who had Permanent, Combat-related Disabilities	Plakon	01/14/16
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(C: [0816](#)) Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans who had Permanent, Combat-related Disabilities: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property, which is received by certain veterans who have permanent, combat-related disabilities, to carry over upon veteran's death to benefit of surviving spouse until surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of property & to specify that discount is transferrable to another permanent residence if surviving spouse remains unmarried.

11/30/15 HOUSE Filed

12/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Committee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

12/10/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

12/17/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 12/18/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

01/04/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 12 H - PCS

01/11/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/13/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/14/16 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

[HB 0813](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Discount for Surviving Spouses** [Plakon](#) 01/14/16

(C: [0778](#) Homestead Property Tax Discount for Surviving Spouses: Provides for transfer of
) certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property to surviving spouse of
(S: [0816](#) specified disabled veteran under certain circumstances; provides for transfer of
) discount by surviving spouse to new homestead property under certain
(L: [0811](#) circumstances. Effective Date: same date that HJR 811, or a similar joint resolution,
) is approved

11/30/15 HOUSE Filed

12/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Finance &
Tax Committee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

12/10/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

12/17/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating
Impact Conference, 12/18/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

01/04/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs
Subcommittee, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 12 H - PCS

01/11/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee;
11 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/13/16 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating
Impact Conference, 01/14/16, 3:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

01/13/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/14/16 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

[SB 0816](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Discount for Disabled Veterans** [Altman](#) 01/13/16

Homestead Property Tax Discount for Disabled Veterans; Providing for the transfer
(C: [0811](#) of a certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property to the surviving
) spouse of a specified disabled veteran under certain circumstances; providing for the
(S: [0813](#) transfer of the discount by the surviving spouse to a new residence under certain
) circumstances, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SJR 778, or a similar joint
(L: [0778](#) resolution, is approved by the electors at the general election to be held in
) November 2016 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for
that purpose

11/10/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space,
and Domestic Security, 12/1/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S

12/01/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/01/15 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 01/11/16, 1:30 pm,
401 S

01/11/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Finance and Tax; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/13/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/13/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[SB 1202](#)

Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares

[Abruzzo](#)

02/11/16

(S: [1321](#))

Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares; Requiring counties and municipalities to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics; requiring certain regional transportation authorities to provide a partial or a full discount on fares for certain disabled veterans, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2016

12/21/15 SENATE Filed

01/08/16 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy

01/14/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S

01/19/16 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 3 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/20/16 SENATE Now in Community Affairs

01/21/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 01/26/16, 9:00 am, 301 S

01/26/16 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/26/16 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

02/01/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/04/16, 9:00 a.m., 412 K

02/04/16 SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/04/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/11/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/18/16

[HB 1219](#)

Relating to Veterans' Employment

[Raburn](#)

02/08/16

(S: [1538](#))

Veterans' Employment: Requires state agencies, & authorizes political subdivisions of state, to develop & implement veterans' recruitment plan; requires DMS to collect specified data & include such data in its annual workforce report & on its website; provides applicability. Effective Date: October 1, 2016

01/07/16 HOUSE Filed

01/15/16 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

01/15/16 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

01/21/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 01/25/16, 4:00 pm, 12 H

01/25/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/27/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/28/16 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee

02/04/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Appropriations

Subcommittee, 02/08/16, 3:00 pm, 17 H
02/08/16 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Appropriations
Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/08/16 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee