

Veterans Bills – January 11, 2016

2016 Bills (26)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0083	Relating to Identification Cards and Driver Licenses	Santiago	10/28/15
(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>		
SB 0088	Relating to Gold Star License Plates	Simpson	12/03/15
(S: 0435)	<p>Gold Star License Plates; Including certain individuals as qualified for issuance of a Gold Star license plate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016</p> <p>08/03/15 SENATE Filed</p> <p>08/19/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Fiscal Policy</p> <p>10/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 11/04/15, 2:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>11/04/15 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>11/05/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security</p> <p>11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 11/17/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>11/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic</p>		

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

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

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 Licenses [Hutson](#) 11/19/15

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

HB 0159	Relating to Tax Exemptions for Disabled Servicemembers and Veterans	Broxson	10/28/15
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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	11/23/15
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(C: [0429](#))
 Military and Veterans Affairs; Requiring the application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include a voluntary 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

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

Parking for Disabled Veterans: Requires governing body of publicly owned or publicly operated airport to grant free parking to vehicle displaying specified license (I: [0222](#)) 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

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

(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	11/05/15
(C: 0184)	Military and Veterans Affairs: Creates Military & Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within DOS; provides legislative findings; 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2016		
)	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		

[HB 0439](#) **Relating to Mental Health Services in Criminal Justice System** [McBurney](#) 01/04/16

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; requires 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 pretrial mental health court 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

[SB 0518](#) **Relating to Special License Plates** [Soto](#) 01/04/16

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
(C: [05110588](#))

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

[SB 0604](#) **Relating to Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System** [Diaz de la Portilla](#) 01/04/16

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)

[HB 0611](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions** [Hager](#) 01/04/16

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

[HB 0641](#) **Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** [Trumbull](#) 01/08/16

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

(C: [0754](#))

(I: [0772](#))

(L: [0643](#))

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. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

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

SB 0666 Relating to Voter Identification [Legg](#) 01/04/16

(I: [0505](#)) 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

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

SB 0772 Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services [Richter](#) 01/04/16

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; 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 (C: [0643](#) such veterans, or certain business entities that have a majority ownership held by) such veterans or spouses; exempting water-related amusement rides operated by (I: [0641](#)) lodging and food service establishments and membership campgrounds, amusement (L: [0754](#) rides at private, 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

SB 0778 Relating to Homestead Tax Exemption/Spouses of Combat-related Disabled Veterans [Altman](#) 01/04/16

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

[SB 0804](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions** [Brandes](#) 11/19/15

(S: [0611](#)) Homestead Property Tax Exemptions; Exempting the unremarried 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: 7/1/2016

11/10/15 SENATE Filed

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

[HB 0811](#) **Relating to Homestead Tax Exemption/Spouses of Deceased Combat-disabled Veterans** [Plakon](#) 01/04/16

(C: [0816](#)) Homestead Tax Exemption/Spouses of Deceased Combat-disabled Veterans: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize living spouse of deceased veteran, who upon his or her death was aged 65 or older, partially or permanently disabled as result of combat, & honorably discharged, to receive discount on payment of ad valorem taxes assessed on homestead property based on percentage of veteran's disability & to specify that exemption is transferrable to another residence if spouse remains unmarried & uses residence as his or her primary residence.

(S: [0778](#))

(L: [0813](#))

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

[HB 0813](#) **Relating to Homestead Tax Exemptions** [Plakon](#) 01/04/16

(C: [0778](#)) Homestead Tax Exemptions: Authorizes surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans who owned homesteads to receive homestead tax exemption; specifies duration of such exemption; provides that letter from federal government to appropriate property appraiser establishes evidence of entitlement to exemption; (L: [0811](#)) provides for construction of act; provides for contingent effect. Effective Date: July 1, 2016, if HJR 811, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, is approved by the electors

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

[SB 0816](#) **Relating to Homestead Property Tax Discount for Disabled Veterans** [Altman](#) 01/04/16

(C: [0811](#))
(L: [0778](#))
Homestead Property Tax Discount for Disabled Veterans; Providing for the transfer 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 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 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

[SB 1202](#) **Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares** [Abruzzo](#) 01/08/16

(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

[HB 1219](#) **Relating to Veterans' Employment** [Raburn](#) 01/07/16

(S: [1538](#))
Veterans' Employment: Establishes policy of state concerning veterans' employment in executive agencies; requires head of each executive agency to develop & implement veterans' recruitment plan in accordance with specified procedures; requires each executive agency to establish annual goals with respect to veterans' recruitment; requires head of each executive agency to appoint veterans' employment officer; specifies responsibilities of such officers; requires DMS to include specified information regarding veterans' recruitment plans in annual

workforce report; requires department to provide certain training to executive agency supervisory personnel; requires participating agencies to reimburse department for training if certain conditions exist; requires department to review & monitor certain executive agency actions. Effective Date: October 1, 2016
01/07/16 HOUSE Filed