### Florida Defense Support Task Force – Military and Defense Legislative Tracker 2015

As of: February 13, 2015

2015 Bills (31)			
Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0071	Relating to Service Animals	Smith (J)	02/10/15
( <b>S</b> : <u>0414</u> )	Service Animals: Requires public accommodation to permit use of service animal by individual with disability; provides conditions for public accommodation to exclude or remove service animal; revises penalties for certain persons or entiti who interfere with use of service animal; provides penalty for knowing & willful misrepresentation with respect to use or training of service animal. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  12/08/14 HOUSE Filed  12/19/14 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; State Affairs Committee 12/19/14 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee  02/03/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 02/10/15, 10:30 am, 212 K  02/10/15 HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	02/10/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee		
SB 0108	Relating to Florida Retirement System	Diaz de la Portilla	01/21/15
	Florida Retirement System; Revising eligibility for the purchase of credit for military service; declaring that the act fulfills an important state interest, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015		
	11/18/14 SENATE Filed		
	12/12/14 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight an Accountability; Appropriations		
	01/13/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/21/15, 3:30 pm, 37 S		
	01/21/15 SENATE Not Considered by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security		
HB 0109	Relating to Federal Write-In Absentee Ball	ot <u>Broxson</u>	01/08/15
( <b>I:</b> <u>0184</u> )	Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot: Authorizes absent uniformed services voters & overseas voters to use federal write-in absentee ballot in state or local election; authorizes elector to vote on ballot measure in election using federal write-in absentee ballot; specifies that vote cast in judicial merit retention election is treated in same manner as vote on certain ballot measures; allows for minor variations in name of ballot measure; prohibits supervisor of elections from canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from overseas voters in certain elections until specified period after date of election; revises minimum requirements for DOS rules used to determine what constitutes valid vote on federal write-in absentee ballot. Effective Date: July 1, 2015		
	12/16/14 HOUSE Filed		
	01/08/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		c Development
	01/08/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee		
SB 0112	Relating to Special License Plates	Hays	01/26/15
( <b>S</b> : <u>0329</u> )	Special License Plates; Authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue a Distinguished Flying Cross license plate; specifying qualifications and requirements for the plate; providing that the use of proceeds from the sale of the plate will be made according to certain established guidelines, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015		
	11/18/14 SENATE Filed		
	12/12/14 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy		
	01/13/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/21/15, 3:30 pm, 37 S		
	01/21/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	01/23/15 SENATE Committee Bill Text (C1) Filed		
	01/26/15 SENATE Now in Transportation		
HB 0113	Relating to Local Government Construction Preferences	Perry	02/11/15

(**S**: <u>0778</u>)

Local Government Construction Preferences: Prohibits local ordinances & regulations from restricting a certified contractor's competition for award of contract for construction services based upon certain conditions; requires state college, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents; provides construction. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

12/16/14 HOUSE Filed

01/08/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee

01/08/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

01/28/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 02/04/15, 10:00 am, 212 K

02/04/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 4 Nays

02/06/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/11/15 HOUSE Now in Local Government Affairs Subcommittee

#### SB 0132 Relating to Disabled Parking Permits

Joyner

02/09/15

(**S**: <u>0051</u>)

Disabled Parking Permits; Prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from requiring certain veterans to resubmit a certificate of disability for renewal of a disabled parking permit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

11/18/14 SENATE Filed

12/12/14 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Transportation; Fiscal Policy

01/13/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 01/21/15, 3:30 pm, 37 S

01/21/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/22/15 SENATE Now in Transportation

01/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 02/05/15, 9:00 am, 37 S

02/05/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/05/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/06/15 SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/19/15, 9:00 am, 412 K

#### SB 0148 Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

12/12/14

(I: <u>0035</u>)

Resident Status for Tuition Purposes; Revising criteria relating to the classification of active duty members of the Armed Services of the United States, and their spouses and dependent children, as residents for tuition purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

11/24/14 SENATE Filed

12/12/14 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

### HB 0163 Relating to Public Records/Contractors

**Beshears** 

Ring

01/15/1

(**S**: 0224)

Public Records/Contractors: Defines term "acting on behalf of public agency"; revises definition of term "contractor"; requires that public agency contract for services include statement providing name & telephone number of public agency's custodian of records; prescribes form of statement; revises contractual provisions in public agency contract for services regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws; specifies circumstances under which court may assess & award reasonable costs of enforcement against public agency or contractor. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

01/05/15 HOUSE Filed

01/15/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

01/15/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

### HB 0177 Relating to Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Hill

01/15/15

(**S**: <u>0380</u>)

Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Allows eligible individual whose parent or guardian is member of U.S. Armed Forces, Florida National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces to receive Medicaid home and community-based waiver services under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/06/15 HOUSE Filed

01/15/15 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

01/15/15 HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

#### SB 0184 Relating to Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

**Evers** 

01/08/15

(I: <u>0109</u>)

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot; Authorizing absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use the federal write-in absentee ballot in any state or local election; prohibiting the supervisor of elections from canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from overseas voters in certain elections until 10 days after the date of the election; revising minimum requirements for Department of State rules used to determine what constitutes a valid vote on a federal write-in absentee ballot, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

12/12/14 SENATE Filed

01/08/15 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Fiscal Policy

## HB 0185 Relating to Public Records/Military Special Operations Units

Gaetz (M)

02/13/15

(I: 0674)

Public Records/Military Special Operations Unit: Provides exemption from public records requirements for certain identification & location information of current or former servicemember of military special operations unit & spouses & children; provides for future review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: October 1 2015

01/06/15 HOUSE Filed

01/15/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

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

02/04/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 02/11/15, 3:30 pm, 12 H

02/11/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/13/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

## SB 0240 Relating to Issuance of Driver Licenses and Identification Cards

**Brandes** 

01/13/15

(**S**: <u>0027</u>)

Issuance of Driver Licenses and Identification Cards; Providing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to accept a military personnel identification card as proof of identity for purposes of issuing a driver license or an identification card, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

01/06/15 SENATE Filed

01/13/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Rules

#### HB 0277 Relating to Public Lodging Establishments

Hager

02/10/15

(**S**: <u>0394</u>)

Public Lodging Establishments: Requires specified public lodging establishments to waive certain policies for individuals who present valid military identification card. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/15/15 HOUSE Filed

01/22/15 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

01/22/15 HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

01/27/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Business & Professions Subcommittee, 02/03/15, 1:30 pm, 12 H

02/03/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/04/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/05/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

02/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 02/17/15, 3:30 pm, 12 H

### SB 0292 Relating to Small Business Financial Assistance Ga

Garcia

02/09/15

Small Business Financial Assistance; Creating the Veterans Employment Small Business Grant Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying grant amounts; providing that a small business may not receive an additional award for hiring a veteran previously claimed as an employee for purposes of obtaining funds under the program; requiring the department to notify the appropriate regional small business center of a small business' participation, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$10,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2015

01/08/15 SENATE Filed

01/15/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

01/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/03/15, 10:00 am, 37 S

02/03/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/05/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/05/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 02/18/15, 10:00 am, 301 S

## HB 0299 Relating to Homestead Exemption/Living Spouse of Deceased Combat-Disabled Veteran

Plakon

02/04/15

(S: 910)

Homestead Exemption/Living Spouse of Deceased Combat-Disabled Veteran: Proposes amendment to s. 6, Art. VII of State Constitution to authorize living spouse of deceased veteran, who upon death was aged 65 or older, partially or permanently disabled during combat, & honorably discharged, to receive discount on ad valorem taxes 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. Effective Date: Not Specified

01/16/15 HOUSE Filed

01/28/15 HOUSE Referred to Finance & Tax Committee; Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

01/28/15 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

02/04/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

#### HB 0329 Relating to Special License Plates

Ingram

02/10/15

(S: <u>0112</u>)

Special License Plates: Directs DHSMV to issue Distinguished Flying Cross license plates. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/19/15 HOUSE Filed

01/28/15 HOUSE Referred to Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

01/28/15 HOUSE Now in Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee

02/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee, 02/17/15, 9:00 am, 116 K

# HB 0361 Relating to Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions

**Trumbull** 

02/13/15

(l: <u>0686</u>)

Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions: Grants certain leasehold interests & improvements to land owned by U.S. or agency thereof, branch of U.S. Armed Forces, or quasi-governmental agency exemption from ad valorem taxation; exempts such leasehold interests & improvements without need to apply for exemption or property appraiser approving exemption; provides nonapplicability of provisions to transient public lodging establishments; provides retroactive applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/20/15 HOUSE Filed

01/28/15 HOUSE Referred to Finance & Tax Committee; Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

01/28/15 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

02/04/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

02/05/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Finance & Tax Committee, 02/12/15, 10:00 am, 17 H

02/12/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Finance & Tax Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/13/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

### SB 0380 Relating to Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Bradley

02/09/15

(S: <u>0177</u>)

Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to allow an applicant whose parent or guardian is a member of the United States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United States Reserve Forces to receive Medicaid home and community-based waiver program services under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

01/16/15 SENATE Filed

01/23/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/17/15, 9:00 am, 37 S

### SB 0394 Relating to Public Lodging Establishments

**Brandes** 

02/09/15

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(S: <u>0277</u>) Public Lodging Establishments; Requiring specified public lodging establishments to waive certain policies for individuals who present a valid military identification card, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

01/20/15 SENATE Filed

01/28/15 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Commerce and Tourism; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 02/18/15, 2:00 pm, 110 S

### **HB 0433** Relating to Employment Discrimination

Geller

01/28/15

Employment Discrimination; Includes unpaid interns within definition of term "employee" for purposes of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/20/15 HOUSE Filed

01/28/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

01/28/15 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

#### HB 0445 Relating to Road Designation/Orange County

**Torres** 

01/28/15

Designates Borinqueneer Boulevard in Orange County. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/20/15 HOUSE Filed

01/28/15 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Ports Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

01/28/15 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Ports Subcommittee

### **SB 0484** Relating to Regional Planning Councils

Simpson

02/03/15

Regional Planning Councils; Requiring the state land planning agency to identify parties that may enter into mediation relating to the compatibility of developments with military installations; requiring electric utilities to notify the county, rather than the regional planning council, of its current plans to site electric substations; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities; revising the requirements for the statewide emergency shelter plan to include the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

01/23/15 SENATE Filed

02/03/15 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

#### HB 0529 Relating to Defense Contracting

Smith (J)

02/05/15

Defense Contracting: Establishes Defense Works in Florida Incentive; authorizes Florida prime contractor to apply to DEO to certify that it may reduce its computation of adjusted federal income by specified amount; provides caps for aggregate amount of qualified subcontract awards that may be certified per calendar year; revises definition of term "adjusted federal income" to provide for reduction in taxable income equal to specified amount of qualified subcontract awards certified by DEO. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

01/28/15 HOUSE Filed

02/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Finance & Tax Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

02/05/15 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

#### SB 0560 Relating to Veterans' Tuition Fee Waivers

Sachs

02/05/15

Veterans' Tuition Fee Waivers; Revising the persons eligible to receive a waiver for out-of-state tuition fees to include a spouse or child eligible for veterans' education benefits by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

01/29/15 SENATE Filed

02/05/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

## HB 0629 Relating to Military Veterans with Mobility Impairment

McGhee

02/05/15

Provides for eligible Purple Heart license plate applicants to receive appropriate special license plate with international symbol of accessibility. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

02/05/15 HOUSE Filed

## SB 0674 Relating to Public Records/Military Special Operations Unit Service Members

**Evers** 

02/06/15

#### (I: 0185)

Public Records/Military Special Operations Unit Service Members; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal identifying information of current or former servicemembers of military special operations units and the spouses and children of such servicemembers; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2015

02/04/15 SENATE Filed

02/06/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability: Rules

### SB 0686

# Relating to Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions

Lee (T)

02/06/15

#### (I: 0361)

Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions; Providing that certain leasehold interests and improvements to land owned by the United States, a branch of the United States Armed Forces, or any agency or quasi-governmental agency of the United States are exempt from ad valorem taxation under specified circumstances; providing that such leasehold interests and improvements are entitled to an exemption from ad valorem taxation without an application being filed for the exemption or the property appraiser approving the exemption, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

02/04/15 SENATE Filed

02/06/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

#### SB 0876 Relating to Beirut Memorial

Dean

02/12/15

Beirut Memorial; Requiring the Department of Management Services to establish a Beirut Memorial, subject to legislative appropriation; requiring the Department of Management Services to coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources regarding design and placement of the memorial, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

02/12/15 SENATE Filed

### SB 0882

## Relating to Chester Lee Davis, Sr./Service During World War II

Montford

02/12/15

Chester Lee Davis, Sr./Service During World War II; Honoring Chester Lee Davis, Sr., in memoriam, for his patriotic service to the United States during World War II, etc.

02/12/15 SENATE Filed

### **SB** 7014 Relating to Corporate Income Tax

Finance and Tax

02/09/15

Corporate Income Tax; Adopting the 2015 version of the Internal Revenue Code; incorporating a reference to a recent federal act into state law for the purpose of defining the term "adjusted federal income"; revising the treatment by this state of certain depreciation and expensing of assets that are allowed for federal income tax purposes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2015

01/26/15 SENATE Filed

01/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 02/02/15, 4:00 pm, 401 S

01/28/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 01/30/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

02/02/15 SENATE Not considered by Finance and Tax

02/04/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 02/16/15, 4:00 pm, 401 S

### SB 7028

# Relating to (Preliminary Draft) Educational Opportunities for Veterans

Military and Veterans

Affairs, Space, and 02/09/15

**Domestic Security** 

(PRELIMINARY DRAFT) Educational Opportunities for Veterans; Expressing legislative intent to revise laws relating to out-of-state fee waivers for veterans and their dependents, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

02/09/15 SENATE Filed

02/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/17/15, 9:00 am, 37 S