

FDSTF – Legislative Tracker

As of: March 13, 2015

2015 Bills (23)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0109	Relating to Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot	Broxson	01/08/15

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
 01/08/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 0148	Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes	Ring	12/12/14
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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 0177	Relating to Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Hill	03/11/15
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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
03/09/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee, 03/11/15, 10:00 am, 12 H
03/11/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

[SB 0184](#) Relating to Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot [Evers](#) 03/12/15

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

(C: [1161](#))
(I: [0109](#))
12/12/14 SENATE Filed
01/08/15 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Fiscal Policy
03/05/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 03/10/15, 4:00 pm, 412 K
03/10/15 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/11/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
03/12/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/17/15, 9:00 am, 37 S

[HB 0185](#) Relating to Public Records/Military Special Operations Units [Gaetz \(M\)](#) 02/18/15

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

(I: [0674](#))
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
02/18/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

[SB 0240](#) **Relating to Driver Licenses and Identification Cards** [Brandes](#) 03/12/15

(S: [0027](#)) Driver Licenses and Identification Cards; Providing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to accept a military identification card to meet certain requirements for issuance of an identification card or a driver license, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015
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01/06/15 SENATE Filed
01/13/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Rules
03/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/12/15, 9:00 am, 37 S
03/12/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/12/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

[HB 0277](#) **Relating to Public Lodging Establishments** [Hager](#) 03/12/15

(I: [0394](#)) 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
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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
02/17/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/23/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/24/15 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee
03/03/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Regulatory Affairs Committee, 03/05/15, 8:30 am, 404 H
03/05/15 HOUSE Favorable by Regulatory Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/05/15 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/12/15 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/17/15

[HB 0361](#) **Relating to Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions** [Trumbull](#) 03/04/15

(I: [0686](#)) 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

02/18/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

03/02/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/04/15, 9:00 am, 12 H

03/04/15 HOUSE Favorable by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 1 Nay

03/04/15 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

SB 0380	Relating to Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Bradley	03/11/15
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(S: [0177](#))
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

02/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/18/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

03/06/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, 03/11/15, 9:00 am, 401 S

03/11/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 0394 Relating to Public Lodging Establishments [Brandes](#) 03/12/15

Public Lodging Establishments; Requiring specified public lodging establishments
(**I:** [0277](#)) 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

02/18/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/19/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/20/15 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism

02/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/02/15, 1:00 pm, 110 S

03/02/15 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/02/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

03/05/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/10/15, 1:30 pm, 37 S

03/10/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/12/15 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/18/15 - If Received

03/12/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

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

03/12/15 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/18/15

SB 0484 Relating to Regional Planning Councils [Simpson](#) 03/12/15

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
(**C:** [0873](#)) 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

03/05/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/10/15, 1:30 pm, 301 S

03/10/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/11/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/12/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

[HB 0529](#) **Relating to Defense Contracting** [Smith \(J\)](#) 03/10/15
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
(S: [0980](#))
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
02/18/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/20/15, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
03/06/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee, 03/10/15, 9:00 am, 12 H
03/10/15 HOUSE Favorable by Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/10/15 HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

[HB 0629](#) **Relating to Military Veterans with Mobility Impairment** [McGhee](#) 02/18/15
Provides for eligible Purple Heart license plate applicants to receive appropriate special license plate with international symbol of accessibility. Effective Date: July 1, 2015
(I: [1418](#))
02/05/15 HOUSE Filed
02/18/15 HOUSE Referred to Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee
02/18/15 HOUSE Now in Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee

[SB 0674](#) **Relating to Public Records/Military Special Operations Unit Service Members** [Evers](#) 03/12/15
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
(I: [0185](#))
02/04/15 SENATE Filed
02/06/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
02/27/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/04/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S
03/04/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and

Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/06/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/06/15 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability
03/12/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and
Accountability, 03/17/15, 9:00 am, 401 S

[SB 0686](#) **Relating to Military Housing Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions** [Lee \(T\)](#) 03/05/15

(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
02/27/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/04/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S
03/04/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/05/15 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[HB 1009](#) **Relating to Spouses of Military Servicemembers** [Jacobs](#) 03/03/15

(I: [1358](#)) Spouses of Military Servicemembers: Prohibits employing agencies from compelling employees who are spouses of military servicemembers to work, or impose sanctions or penalties upon such employees for failure or refusal to work, extended hours during active military service deployment of spouse under specified circumstances; requires employing agencies to grant requests from such employees for certain unpaid leave; authorizes DMS to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

02/25/15 HOUSE Filed
03/03/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee
03/03/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

[HB 1091](#) **Relating to Military Affairs** [Steube](#) 03/12/15

(C: [7055](#)) Military Affairs: Requires application form for original, renewal, or replacement)
driver license or identification card to include voluntary checkoff permitting
(S: [1296](#)) veterans to request written information for federal, state, & local programs; directs)
DHSMV to report specified information to DVA; directs DVA to assist veterans

with preparing certain claims & securing certain services; provides for SBE & BOG to work collaboratively to establish degree programs at state universities & Florida College System institutions, train faculty, coordinate campus disability services, facilitate statewide meetings for personnel, & provide sufficient courses & priority registration to veterans; creates Overseas Military Voting Assistance Task Force; requires Division of Elections to provide support staff to task force & Agency for State Technology to assist task force upon request; requires Secretary of State to submit report to Governor & Legislature containing task force recommendations for development & implementation of online voting system. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

02/26/15 HOUSE Filed

03/09/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

03/09/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

03/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/12/15, 9:00 am, 12 H

03/12/15 HOUSE Favorable by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/12/15 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

[HB 1095](#) Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees & Transportation Fares [Rooney](#) 03/12/15

(S: [0721](#)
[1430](#))

Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees & Transportation Fares: Requires counties & municipalities to provide discounts on public park entrance fees to military members, veterans, & spouses & parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, & firefighters; defines "park entrance fees." Effective Date: July 1, 2015

02/26/15 HOUSE Filed

03/09/15 HOUSE Referred to Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; Local & Federal Affairs Committee

03/09/15 HOUSE Now in Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee

03/10/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee, 03/12/15, 9:00 am, 12 H

03/12/15 HOUSE Favorable by Veteran & Military Affairs Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/12/15 HOUSE Now in Local Government Affairs Subcommittee

[SB 1162](#) Relating to Driver Licenses [Sachs](#) 02/27/15

Driver Licenses; Decreasing the fee for the renewal or extension of a Class E driver license or a license restricted to motorcycle use; decreasing the replacement fee for a driver license; revising the allocation of such fee; providing that any veteran honorably discharged from the Armed Forces who has served at least 1 day during a wartime period and who is qualified to obtain a driver license under this chapter is exempt from all fees required by this section, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

02/23/15 SENATE Filed

02/27/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

[SB 1296](#) Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs [Bean](#) 03/12/15
Military and Veterans Affairs; 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; requiring the application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include a voluntary checkoff permitting certain veterans to request written information for federal, state, and local veteran services programs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015
(C: [7055](#))
(S: [1091](#))
02/25/15 SENATE Filed
03/02/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations
03/05/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/10/15, 1:30 pm, 37 S
03/10/15 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
03/12/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/17/15, 9:00 am, 37 S

[SB 1358](#) Relating to Spouses of Military Servicemembers [Abruzzo](#) 03/02/15
Spouses Of Military Servicemembers; Prohibiting an employing agency from compelling an employee who is the spouse of a military servicemember to work, or imposing a sanction or penalty upon such employee for failure or refusal to work, (I: [1009](#)) extended hours during active military service deployment of his or her spouse under specified circumstances; requiring an employing agency to grant a request from such employee for unpaid leave for certain purposes upon the active military service deployment under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015
02/25/15 SENATE Filed
03/02/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations

[SB 1398](#) Relating to Driver Licenses And Identification Cards [Altman](#) 03/03/15
(S: [0027](#)) Driver Licenses and Identification Cards; Authorizing the word “Veteran” to be exhibited on the driver license or identification card of a veteran; providing applicability, etc.; Effective Date: 7/1/2015
02/26/15 SENATE Filed
03/03/15 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations

[SB 1430](#) **Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares** [Abruzzo](#) 03/03/15

(S: [0721](#)
[1095](#)) Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares; Requiring counties 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, and firefighters; requiring regional transportation authorities to provide a partial or a full discount on fares and on other charges for certain disabled veterans; requiring 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, and firefighters, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

02/26/15 SENATE Filed

03/03/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy