

Veterans Bills – March 30, 2015

2015 Bills (32)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
HB 0071	Relating to Service Animals	Smith (J)	03/27/15
(S: 0414)	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 entities 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		
	03/09/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/11/15, 1:00 pm, 404 H		
	03/11/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/13/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
	03/16/15 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee		
	03/17/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/19/15, 12:30 pm, 17 H		
	03/19/15 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/19/15 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading		
	03/24/15 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/26/15		
	03/26/15 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/27/15		
	03/27/15 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 112 Yeas / 0 Nays)		
SB 0112	Relating to Special License Plates	Hays	03/23/15
(S: 0329)	Special License Plates; Authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross license plates; specifying qualifications and requirements for the plates; providing that the use of proceeds from the sale of the plates 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
- 03/16/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 03/19/15, 1:00 pm, 37 S
- 03/19/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Transportation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 03/20/15 SENATE Committee Bill Text (C2) Filed
- 03/23/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

[SB 0132](#) Relating to Disabled Parking Permits [Joyner](#) 03/24/15

(S: [0051](#)) 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
- 02/19/15 SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 02/19/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- 03/12/15 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/18/15
- 03/18/15 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/24/15
- 03/24/15 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)

[SB 0148](#) Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes [Ring](#) 12/12/14

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](#) 03/19/15

Public Records/Contractors: Requires certain public agency contracts for services to include contact information of custodian of public records; revises provision in such contracts regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws; requires records request relating to such contracts be made to agency; requires contractor to produce requested records; specifies penalties & attorney fee awards for reasonable costs of enforcement. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

(S: [0224](#))

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

03/02/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 03/04/15, 1:30 pm, 212 K

03/04/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/06/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

03/09/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee

03/13/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/17/15, 12:30 pm, 17 H

03/17/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/18/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/19/15 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[SB 0292](#) Relating to Small Business Financial Assistance [Garcia](#) 03/06/15

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

(S: [0797](#))

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
02/18/15 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
02/27/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 03/04/15, 10:00 am, 301 S
03/04/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 7 Yeas, 1 Nay
03/06/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 0299](#) Relating to Homestead Exemption/Living Spouse of Deceased Combat-Disabled Veteran [Plakon](#) 03/19/15

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

(S: [0910](#))
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)
03/17/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Finance & Tax Committee, 03/19/15, 3:00 pm, 17 H
03/19/15 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Finance & Tax Committee

[HB 0329](#) Relating to Special License Plates [Ingram](#) 03/16/15

Special License Plates: Authorizes DHSMV to issue Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, World War II Veteran, Woman Veteran, Navy Combat Veteran, Marine Corps Combat Veteran, Air Force Combat Veteran and Navy Submariner license plates. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

(S: [0112](#))
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

02/17/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Highway and Waterway Safety Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/23/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/24/15 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

03/02/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/04/15, 9:00 am, 102 H

03/04/15 HOUSE Favorable by Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/04/15 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee

03/09/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Economic Affairs Committee, 03/11/15, 1:00 pm, 102 H

03/11/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Economic Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/13/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

03/16/15 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 0380	Relating to Persons with Developmental Disabilities	Bradley	03/13/15
(C: 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		
	03/13/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations		

[HB 0433](#) **Relating to Employment Discrimination** [Geller](#) 01/28/15
Employment Discrimination;Includes unpaid interns within definition of term
(**I: 1396**) "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
(**C: 7093**) Designates Borinqueneer Boulevard in Orange County. Effective Date: July 1, 2015
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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 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

[SB 0876](#) **Relating to Beirut Memorial** [Dean](#) 03/05/15
Beirut Memorial; Requiring the Department of Management Services to establish a
(**I: 0801**) 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
02/20/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Fiscal
Policy
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 Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

[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 0910](#) **Relating to Homestead Exemption/Living Spouse of Deceased Combat-Disabled Veteran** [Altman](#) 03/10/15

Homestead Exemption/Living Spouse of Deceased Combat-Disabled Veteran; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the living spouse of a deceased veteran, who upon his or her death was aged 65 or older, partially or totally permanently disabled due to combat, and honorably discharged, to receive a discount on the payment of ad valorem taxes on homestead property based on the percentage of the veteran's disability and to specify that the exemption is transferrable to another residence if the spouse remains unmarried and uses the residence as his or her primary residence, etc.

(S: [0299](#))

02/13/15 SENATE Filed

02/26/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; 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 HOUSE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/10/15 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

[HB 1091](#) **Relating to Military Affairs** [Steube](#) 03/24/15

Military Affairs: Requires application form for original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to include voluntary checkoff permitting veterans to request written information for federal, state, & local programs; directs DHSMV to report veteran information to DVA; directs DVA to disseminate veteran information to county or city veteran service officers & third-party provider; prohibits third-party provider from selling veteran information; 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; provides for SBE & BOG to work collaboratively to align existing 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

(C: [7055](#))
(S: [1296](#))

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
03/17/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 03/19/15,
3:00 pm, 212 K
03/19/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Committee; 26 Yeas, 0
Nays
03/23/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/24/15 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

[HB 1095](#) **Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees & Transportation Fares** [Rooney](#) 03/26/15

(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
03/16/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local Government Affairs Subcommittee, 03/18/15, 8:00 am, 212 K
03/18/15 HOUSE Favorable by Local Government Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/18/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/20/15, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
03/19/15 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee
03/24/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local & Federal Affairs Committee, 03/26/15, 9:00 am, 212 K - PCS
03/26/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local & Federal Affairs Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

[HB 1113](#) **Relating to Terroristic Threats** [Plasencia](#) 03/09/15
Terroristic Threats: Provides that person commits crime of terroristic threats if he or she communicates threat to do specified acts; requires that person convicted of
(**I:** [1182](#)) terroristic threats pay restitution in amount equal to cost of evacuation; provides that order of restitution does not preclude relief recovery in civil action. Effective Date: October 1, 2015
02/26/15 HOUSE Filed
03/09/15 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
03/09/15 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

[SB 1144](#) **Relating to Services for Veterans and Their Families** [Simpson](#) 03/26/15
Services for Veterans and Their Families; Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish the Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program;
(**S:** [1193](#)) providing goals of the program; requiring the designation of implementation teams; providing a list of required services; providing an appropriation, etc.
APPROPRIATION: \$2,000,000.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2015
02/23/15 SENATE Filed
02/27/15 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations
03/16/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 03/19/15, 1:00 pm, 301 S
03/19/15 SENATE Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/20/15 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
03/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/31/15, 10:00 am, 37 S

[SB 1152](#) **Relating to Department of Defense Excess Property Program** [Bullard](#) 02/27/15
Department of Defense Excess Property Program; Urging Congress to review the eligibility criteria for participation in the Department of Defense Excess Property Program, also known as the "1033 program," and to adopt reforms that preclude participation in the program by law enforcement agencies that have cases pending before the United States Department of Justice involving racial profiling or police brutality, etc.
02/23/15 SENATE Filed
02/27/15 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

[SB 1182](#) Relating to Terroristic Threats [Latvala \(J\)](#) 03/25/15
Terroristic Threats; Providing that a person commits the crime of terroristic threats
(**I:** [1113](#)) if he or she communicates, directly or indirectly, a threat to do specified acts;
providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2015
02/23/15 SENATE Filed
02/27/15 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on
Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
03/24/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact
Conference, 03/27/15, 8:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
03/25/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/30/15, 4:00 pm, 37
S

[SB 1296](#) Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs [Bean](#) 03/26/15
Military and Veterans Affairs; Creating the Military and Overseas Voting
(**C:** [7055](#)
) Assistance Task Force within the Department of State; providing legislative
(**S:** [1091](#)
) 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
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
03/17/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and
Domestic Security; 4 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/19/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
03/19/15 SENATE Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Tourism, and Economic Development added; Remaining references: Ethics
and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism,
and Economic Development; Appropriations
03/19/15 SENATE Now in Ethics and Elections
03/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 03/31/15, 4:00 pm,
412 K

[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 1410](#) **Relating to Honor and Remember Flag** [Legg](#) 03/03/15

Honor and Remember Flag; Designating the Honor and Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing the flag to be displayed at specified locations, on specified days, and in a specified manner; authorizing local governments to display the flag; authorizing each department, agency, or local government displaying the flag to establish certain regulations; authorizing the Department of Management Services to procure and distribute such flags, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2016

(S: [1147](#))
02/26/15 SENATE Filed

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

[SB 1418](#) **Relating to Military Veterans With Mobility Impairment** [Bullard](#) 03/03/15

Military Veterans with Mobility Impairment; Providing for eligible Purple Heart license plate applicants to receive the appropriate special license plate with the international symbol of accessibility; waiving a specified license tax in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

(I: [0629](#))
02/26/15 SENATE Filed

03/03/15 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy

[SB 1430](#) **Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares** [Abruzzo](#) 03/26/15

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

(S: [0721](#)
[1095](#))
02/26/15 SENATE Filed

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

03/18/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space,

and Domestic Security, 03/23/15, 3:00 pm, 37 S
03/23/15 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and
Domestic Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/23/15 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
03/26/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/31/15, 10:00
am, 301 S

[SB 1472](#) **Relating to Hepatitis C Testing For Veterans** [Joyner](#) 03/03/15
Hepatitis C Testing For Veterans; Requiring hospitals and health care practitioners
to offer hepatitis C testing to veterans; requiring a health care practitioner to
provide health care to veterans who receive a positive test result; requiring the
Department of Health to adopt rules; requiring the department to make available
standard hepatitis C information sheets to health care practitioners; providing a
statement regarding scope of practice and legal and professional obligations of
health care practitioners with respect to hepatitis C testing, etc. Effective Date:
7/1/2015
02/26/15 SENATE Filed
03/03/15 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on
Health and Human Services; Appropriations

[SB 7028](#) **Relating to Educational Opportunities for Veterans** [Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security](#) 03/05/15
Educational Opportunities for Veterans; Revising criteria for eligibility for out-of-
state fee waivers at state universities, Florida College System institutions, and
(S: [0035](#))
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waivers to required credit hours for a student's degree or certificate program, 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
02/17/15 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Military and Veterans Affairs,
Space, and Domestic Security
02/17/15 SENATE Committee Bill Text filed
02/20/15 SENATE Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Education;
Appropriations
02/27/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on
Education, 03/04/15, 10:00 am, 412 K
03/04/15 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; 7
Yeas, 0 Nays
03/05/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

[HB 7045](#) **Relating to State Veterans' Nursing Homes**

[Health Innovation
Subcommittee](#)

03/24/15

State Veterans' Nursing Homes: Directs DVA to contract for study to determine need for additional state veterans' nursing home & most appropriate county for home; directs DVA to submit study to Governor & Legislature; provides study criteria for ranking each county according to need; requires department to use specified studies to select new veterans' nursing home sites. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

03/04/15 HOUSE Filed (Formerly PCB HIS1)

03/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

03/10/15 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

03/20/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/24/15, 3:30 pm, 212 K

03/24/15 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/24/15 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

[SB 7076](#) **Relating to Military and Veteran Support**

[Military and
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Military and Veteran Support; Removing the requirement that an applicant to the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program provide matching funds of a certain amount; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to waive initial professional licensing fees for a veteran who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs to create a pilot program for commercial driver license testing for qualified members of the Florida National Guard by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

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[HB 7133](#) **Relating to Military and Veteran Support**

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Military and Veteran Support: Authorizes local governing bodies to aid & assist veterans with general discharges under honorable conditions in presenting claims for & securing federal & state benefits & privileges; requires that DVA, through a direct-support organization & in consultation with DACS, include certain federal, state, & local information on agriculture & farming opportunities in Florida

Veterans' Benefits Guide; exempts veterans with general discharges under honorable conditions from initial licensing, application, & unlicensed activity fees for any license issued by DBPR; requires that DHSMV & DVA jointly create pilot program to provide onsite commercial driver license testing opportunities to qualified members of Florida National Guard. Effective Date: July 1, 2015
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HB 9005	Relating to Navy Reserve Centennial Day	Hudson	03/03/15
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