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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS'
HOME

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Fellela, Solomon, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, J.
Lombardi, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, and Hull

Date Introduced: February 08, 2023

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

(Office of Veterans Services)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-24-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-24 entitled "Rhode Island
2 Veterans' Home" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-24-3. Administrator — Advisory council.**

4 (a) The director of veterans services shall appoint an administrator for the Rhode Island
5 veterans' home who shall be ~~an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces~~
6 the most qualified applicant who has been issued a nursing home administrator license pursuant to
7 chapter 45 of title 5. In reviewing the applicants, the director shall consider an applicant's military
8 service as a factor in the process of determining the most qualified applicant.

9 (b) There shall be an advisory council for veterans' affairs, consisting of not more than
10 fifteen (15) qualified electors of this state, ten (10) of whom shall be honorably discharged veterans
11 of the armed forces of the United States; twelve (12) of the members shall be appointed by the
12 governor, consisting of a member designated by each of the various state departments of the active
13 federally chartered veteran organizations, and the remaining member or members at large;
14 provided, however, that each of those departments of veteran organizations shall have, and continue
15 to have, at least one member on the advisory council for veterans' affairs; and, provided further,
16 that one member shall be a female veteran, one member shall be a minority veteran; one member
17 of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and
18 one member from the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate. The members of the

1 general assembly who shall serve on the advisory council for veterans' affairs shall serve so long
2 as they are members of the general assembly. The final remaining member shall be an active
3 National Guard person to be appointed by the state adjutant general.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be the
2 most qualified applicant possessing a nursing home administrator license pursuant to chapter 45 of
3 title 5. The act would remove the requirements that an applicant be an honorably discharged
4 veteran, but military service would be a factor to be considered in determining the most qualified
5 applicant.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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