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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, and Solomon

Date Introduced: March 01, 2019

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 30-24-3 and 30-24-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-24
2 entitled "Rhode Island Veterans' Home" are hereby amended to read as follows:

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

4 (a) The director of veterans' affairs shall appoint an administrator for the Rhode Island
5 veterans' home who shall be an honorably discharged war veteran of the United States Armed
6 Forces.

7 (b) There shall be an advisory council for veterans' affairs, consisting of not more than
8 fifteen (15) qualified electors of this state, ten (10) of whom shall be honorably discharged
9 veterans of the armed forces of the United States; twelve (12) of the members shall be appointed
10 by the governor, consisting of a member designated by each of the various state departments of
11 the active federally chartered veteran organizations, and the remaining member or members at
12 large; provided, however, that each of those departments of veteran organizations shall have, and
13 continue to have, at least one member on the advisory council for veterans' affairs; and, provided
14 further, that one member shall be a female veteran, one member shall be a minority veteran; ~~one~~
15 ~~member of the house of representatives~~ two (2) members shall be veterans-at-large, one to be
16 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and one ~~member from the senate,~~ to be
17 appointed by the president of the senate. ~~The members of the general assembly who shall serve~~
18 ~~on the advisory council for veterans' affairs shall serve so long as they are members of the general~~

1 ~~assembly.~~ The final remaining member shall be an active National Guard person to be appointed
2 by the state adjutant general.

3 **30-24-4. Appointments to advisory council -- Organization and meetings.**

4 Annually, on or before July 1, the governor shall appoint a successor of each member of
5 the advisory council whose term expires, these appointments to be for a term of three (3) years. In
6 case of any vacancy or additional members on the council, the governor shall appoint a new
7 member for the unexpired portion of the term of that membership as hereinbefore provided.
8 Members of the council shall serve without pay. The advisory council, at the January meeting of
9 the council each year, shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and one of its
10 members to serve as vice chairperson for a period of one year and until a successor is elected and
11 qualified. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson; provided, however, that a majority
12 of the members may call a meeting of the advisory council at any time, all members being
13 notified in any case by mail and reasonably in advance of any such meetings. A majority of
14 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The governor may remove a
15 member of the council for neglect of duty. Administrative support for the council shall be
16 provided by the director of veterans' affairs.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would amend the composition of the advisory council for veterans' affairs by
2 replacing members of the general assembly serving as members of the council and would replace
3 them with veterans-at-large.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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