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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: April 30, 2021

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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 ~~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 veterans
9 of the armed forces of the United States; twelve (12) of the members shall be appointed by the
10 governor, consisting of a member designated by each of the various state departments of the active
11 federally chartered veteran organizations, and the remaining member or members at large;
12 provided, however, that each of those departments of veteran organizations shall have, and continue
13 to have, at least one member on the advisory council for veterans' affairs; and, provided further,
14 that one member shall be a female veteran, one member shall be a minority veteran; one member
15 of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and
16 one member from the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate. The members of the
17 general assembly who shall serve on the advisory council for veterans' affairs shall serve so long
18 as they are members of the general assembly. The final remaining member shall be an active

1 National Guard person to be appointed by the state adjutant general.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would remove the word "war" from the sentence "honorably discharged war
2 veteran", which would allow the director of veterans' services to appoint an administrator who is
3 an honorably discharged veteran of the Unites States Armed Forces.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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