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GRUCELA AND SAMUELSON, FEBRUARY 3, 1999

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JUNE 16, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the State
3 Veterans' Commission AND FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS'
4 MEMORIAL COMMISSION. <—

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. ~~Section 1702~~ SECTIONS 1702 AND 1906 of Title 51 <—
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes ~~is~~ ARE amended to <—
9 read:

10 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission.

11 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established within the
12 department an advisory commission to be known as the State
13 Veterans' Commission.

14 (b) Composition.--The commission shall be composed of:

15 (1) The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee.

1 (2) The State commander, commandant or head, or his
2 designee, of each of the following named veterans'
3 organizations:

- 4 (i) The American Legion.
- 5 (ii) AMVETS.
- 6 (iii) Blinded Veterans Association.
- 7 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of
8 America.
- 9 (v) Disabled American Veterans.
- 10 (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States.
- 11 (vii) Marine Corps League.
- 12 (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- 13 (ix) State Association of County Directors of
14 Veterans' Affairs.
- 15 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- 16 (xi) Veterans of World War I of the United States of
17 America, Inc.
- 18 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United
19 States, Inc.
- 20 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
- 21 (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War.
- 22 (xv) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association.

23 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from
24 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall
25 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a
26 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized
27 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.
28 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least
29 one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at
30 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor

has been appointed.

(4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) as nonvoting members.

(c) Officers.--The commission shall annually elect a chairman and vice chairman at the first meeting of the commission after October 1. The Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs shall serve as the executive secretary to the commission.

(d) Compensation and expenses.--Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall receive reimbursement for their necessary and proper expenses for attendance at meetings.

(e) Meetings and quorum.--The commission shall meet upon the call of the chairman or the Adjutant General. Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(f) Declared vacancies.--The Governor, upon recommendation of the Adjutant General, shall declare a vacancy to exist whenever any member at large fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good cause. Any declared vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

§ 1906. EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER.

THIS CHAPTER SHALL EXPIRE JUNE 30, [1999] 2003.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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