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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 21, 2022

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the Veterans' Suicide  
3 Memorial Commission.

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

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 20

9 VETERANS' SUICIDE MEMORIAL COMMISSION

10 Sec.

11 2001. Definitions.

12 2002. Establishment.

13 2003. Composition.

14 2004. Vacancies.

15 2005. Expenses.

1 2006. Administrative services.

2 2007. Duties.

3 2008. Expiration.

4 § 2001. Definitions.

5 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
6 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
7 context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Commission." The Veterans' Suicide Memorial Commission.

9 § 2002. Establishment.

10 The Veterans' Suicide Memorial Commission is established to  
11 develop plans to erect, on the grounds of the Indiantown Gap  
12 National Cemetery, a memorial in honor and memory of  
13 Pennsylvania veterans who have died by suicide.

14 § 2003. Composition.

15 The commission shall be composed of the following:

16 (1) The Adjutant General, who shall be the chairperson  
17 of the commission.

18 (2) The Secretary of Human Services.

19 (3) The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania  
20 Historical and Museum Commission.

21 (4) A member of a veterans' organization, appointed by  
22 the Adjutant General.

23 (5) A member of the Senate, appointed by the President  
24 pro tempore of the Senate.

25 (6) A member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority  
26 Leader of the Senate.

27 (7) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed  
28 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

29 (8) A member of the House of Representatives, appointed  
30 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

1 § 2004. Vacancies.

2 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled  
3 in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 § 2005. Expenses.

5 Commission members may not receive compensation for their  
6 services, but shall be reimbursed by the department for all  
7 necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in  
8 connection with the performance of their duties as members of  
9 the commission.

10 § 2006. Administrative services.

11 The department shall provide administrative staff, support  
12 and services to the commission on an ongoing basis.

13 § 2007. Duties.

14 The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

15 (1) To develop detailed plans, including site, size and  
16 costs, relevant to the creation of a Veterans' Suicide  
17 Memorial.

18 (2) To submit a written report of its findings,  
19 recommendations and proposals for necessary legislation to  
20 effectuate the erection of a Veterans' Suicide Memorial to  
21 the General Assembly.

22 § 2008. Expiration.

23 This chapter shall expire upon the submission of the report  
24 by the commission to the General Assembly under section 2007  
25 (relating to duties).

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.