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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1033 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY REGOLA, PICCOLA, BAKER, PIPPY, FUMO, ARMSTRONG, PUNT, KITCHEN, ORIE, WAUGH, FOLMER, FONTANA, ERICKSON, M. WHITE, RHOADES, BRUBAKER, BROWNE AND WASHINGTON, JULY 15, 2007

SENATOR BAKER, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, APRIL 1, 2008

AN ACT

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the composition 3 of the State Veterans' Commission. 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 5 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 1702(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania 6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: 7 8 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission. 9 (b) Composition. -- The commission shall be composed of: 10 11 (1)The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee. 12 The State commander, commandant or head, or his 13 designee, of each of the following named veterans' 14 organizations: 15 (i) The American Legion. (ii) AMVETS. 16

(iii) Blinded Veterans Association.

1 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America. 2. 3 (v) Disabled American Veterans. (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States. 4 5 (vii) Marine Corps League. (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart. 6 (ix) State Association of County Directors of 7 Veterans' Affairs. 8 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. 9 10 [(xi) Veterans of World War I of the United States 11 of America, Inc.] <----(xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United 12 13 States, Inc. (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. 14 15 (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War. 16 (xv) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association. 17 (xvi) Military Officers Association of America. 18 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall 19 20 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a 21 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized 22 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth. 23 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at 24 25 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor 26 has been appointed. 27 The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the 28 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign 29 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting

members.

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- 2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.