



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 1045

PRINTERS NO. 1370

PRIME SPONSOR: Vulakovich

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 1045, Printer's Number 1370, inserts an additional section providing for the character of discharge.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) by inserting a new Section 104 defining and outlining the character of discharge. It states that, whenever a particular character of discharge is a prerequisite to eligibility for receiving a benefit provided in this title, an individual must have received a discharge from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

Recipients of a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable include the following: an honorable discharge; a general, under honorable conditions, discharge; a discharge under other than honorable conditions for which the recipient has been determined to be eligible for benefits afforded by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and a discharge for which benefits are payable under 38 CFR 3.12 (relating to character of discharge).

Additional language is included outlining exclusions for a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable does not include the following: a dishonorable discharge; bad conduct discharge; undesirable discharge; and a discharge or release because of one of the offenses specified in 38 CFR 3.12(d). It also provides that recipients of an uncharacterized discharge or separation shall be evaluated based upon 38 CFR 3.12(k).

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: December 2, 2015

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.