THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1334 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY PAYNE, BELFANTI, BOYD, CAPPELLI, GEIST, GEORGE, HARRIS, HORNAMAN, M. KELLER, KILLION, KORTZ, MOYER, MURT, RAPP, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, THOMAS, WALKO AND YOUNGBLOOD, MAY 24, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, MAY 24, 2007

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

(iii) Blinded Veterans Association.

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- 1 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of 2 America.
- 3 (v) Disabled American Veterans.
- 4 (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States.
- 5 (vii) Marine Corps League.
- 6 (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- 7 (ix) State Association of County Directors of 8 Veterans' Affairs.
- 9 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- 10 (xi) Veterans of World War I of the United States of
 11 America, Inc.
- 12 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United 13 States, Inc.
- 14 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
- 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
- 19 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall
- 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
- large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor
- has been appointed.
- 27 (4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign
- 29 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting
- members.

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