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R. BROWN, APRIL 17, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, APRIL 17, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in Department of Military and Veterans
3 Affairs, providing for veterans registry.

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 section to read:

8 § 712. Veterans registry.

9 (a) Establishment of veterans registry.--The department
10 shall establish a registry of veterans residing in this
11 Commonwealth in order to provide information on available State
12 benefits, programs and services to registered veterans.

13 (b) Coordination with State agencies.--The department shall,
14 in coordination with other State agencies that have contact with
15 veterans, establish a system for State agencies to communicate
16 to the department information about veterans who wish to be
17 included in the registry. The department shall develop

1 procedures and forms as deemed necessary to facilitate the
2 implementation of this subsection, including an opt-out
3 provision for veterans who choose not to be included in the
4 registry.

5 (c) Duties of State agencies.--State agencies under
6 subsection (b) shall:

7 (1) Develop a mechanism to identify veterans the agency
8 serves for the purpose of expanding the registry.

9 (2) For each veteran who wishes to be included in the
10 registry, provide to the department sufficient information
11 for the department to add the veteran to the registry.

12 (d) Use of information.--Information collected under this
13 section for the registry may not be sold or used for commercial
14 purposes or otherwise used for purposes not specified under this
15 section.

16 (e) Report.--By July 31, 2018, and each year thereafter, the
17 department shall submit to the chairperson and minority
18 chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
19 Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority
20 chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
21 Committee of the House of Representatives a report on the
22 registry to include:

23 (1) Active membership.

24 (2) Referrals received by other State agencies.

25 (3) Number of individuals that opted out of inclusion in
26 the registry.

27 (4) Outreach expenses incurred by the department.

28 (f) Guidelines.--The Adjutant General shall adopt and
29 promulgate guidelines necessary to carry out the provisions of
30 this section.

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