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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and  
3 Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further  
4 providing for State Veterans' Commission.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1702(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission.

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11 (b) Composition.--The commission shall be composed of:

12 (1) The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee.

13 (2) The State commander, commandant or head, or his  
14 designee, of each of the following named veterans'

15 organizations:

16 (i) The American Legion.

17 (ii) AMVETS.

18 (iii) Blinded Veterans Association.

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) (Deleted by amendment).

11 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United  
12 States, Inc.

13 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

14 (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War.

15 (xv) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association.

16 (xvi) Military Officers Association of America.

17 (xvii) The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

18 (xviii) The Navy Club of the United States of  
19 America.

20 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from  
21 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall  
22 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a  
23 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized  
24 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.  
25 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least  
26 one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at  
27 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor  
28 has been appointed.

29 (4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the  
30 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign

1 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting  
2 members.

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