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1 AN ACT relating to the Governor's Advisory Board for Veterans' Affairs.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 40.305 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) There is created a board to be known as the Governor's Advisory Board for
5 Veterans' Affairs, which shall be attached to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

6 (2) The board shall be composed of the following:

7 (a) Seven (7) members appointed by the Governor***, two (2) of whom shall be***
8 ***recommended by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of***
9 ***Kentucky***;

10 (b) The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; and

11 (c) The adjutant general of the Commonwealth.

12 (3) All board members appointed by the Governor shall serve until their successors are
13 appointed, and all appointments shall be for three (3) years. It is further provided
14 that the appointments shall be veterans with service during time of war or hostilities
15 wherein American troops were engaged in conflict with an armed enemy. If
16 practicable, the Governor, in making appointments to the board, shall give due
17 consideration to a fair representation on the board of nationally recognized veterans'
18 organizations active in Kentucky, based on size of the membership of such
19 organizations in this state. The state headquarters of each major veterans'
20 organization may, from time to time, submit a list of not more than three (3) names
21 to the Governor from which list original appointments may be made and vacancies
22 filled in his discretion.

23 (4) Members of the board shall meet at least quarterly at the Department of Veterans'
24 Affairs, and at such other times as the chairman may designate, and the members
25 shall decide as to the specific meeting date.

26 (5) Members of the board shall be paid for the actual expenses incurred upon
27 attendance of meetings of the board subject to the Finance and Administration

1 Cabinet regulations.

2 (6) At its first meeting the members of the board shall select a chairman, vice chairman,
3 and secretary from among the appointed members.

4 (7) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide administrative support to the
5 board.

6 (8) The board shall advise the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and
7 the Governor on the administration of veterans' services programs.

8 (9) The commissioner shall advise the Governor on matters relating to veterans' affairs.

9 (10) The commissioner and the board shall advise the General Assembly on matters
10 relating to veterans' affairs and the administration of veterans' services programs.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 9 APRIL 2016