

**SENATE VETERANS COMMITTEE
SENATOR LOU CORREA, CHAIRMAN**

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SENATE MEASURES

SB 10 Evans *Military and veterans: Veterans' Home Allied Council*

This bill would provide for the establishment of a Veterans' Home Allied Council for each veterans' home, and would additionally permit each council to represent veterans who reside in the veterans' home for which the council was established in matters before the Legislature if each council, in the course of providing that representation, complies with specified requirements, as prescribed. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 265, Statutes of 2011))

SB 180 Corbett *Consumer Transactions: Public Social Services: Unreasonable Fees*

This bill would include activities and functions administered or supervised by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, including pension benefits, as public social services for purposes of that prohibition.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 79, Statutes of 2011))

SB 197 Cannella *Veterans affairs: administration*

Existing law requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct audits, as specified by statute, on internal controls, and to provide those audits to the inspector general. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 198 Cannella *State militia: Adjutant General: duties*

Existing law requires the Adjutant General to perform various duties with regard to the National Guard as are prescribed in the Military and Veterans Code and any additional duties that are consistent with the regulations and customs of the federal military organizations, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 251 Correa *Vehicles: driver's license: selective service*

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to revise the application for an original or a renewal of a driver's license to include a specified statement that would allow a person who is required to register pursuant to the federal act to consent to registration with the federal Selective Service System.

((Died))

SB 404 Anderson *Firearms: handgun safety certificates: fees charged to veterans*

This bill would provide that a certified instructor shall charge a fee of not more than \$10 to any applicant who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Air National Guard. The bill would prohibit the department from charging a fee to a certified instructor for each handgun safety certificate issued by the instructor to an applicant who has

been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Air National Guard.

((Died))

SB 443 Strickland *Veterans' Memorial*

This bill would authorize the Old Town Orcutt Revitalization Association to plan, construct, and maintain a veterans' memorial in a specified state-owned park and ride parking lot in Orcutt in consultation with the department. The bill would require the department to enter into any necessary or appropriate agreements with the association relating to the memorial and would prohibit the use of state funds for that memorial. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Orcutt.

((Assembly Public Safety))

SB 537 Correa *California Cadet Corps*

This bill would authorize the organization of a California Cadet Corps at each college, community college, or school where there is not currently a J.R.O.T.C. or R.O.T.C. program, and under such rules and regulations as the governing body of the schools and the Adjutant General may prescribe. This bill would also authorize the Adjutant General to appoint officers, warrant officers, and noncommissioned officers for duty in each college, community college, or school under the jurisdiction of the governing board, and require that their pay, allowances, and expenses be disbursed from the college, community college, or school in which they serve. This bill would authorize the Adjutant General to order those officers to temporary state active duty to perform functions in support of the California Cadet Corp.

Additionally, this bill authorizes the Governor, upon recommendation of the Adjutant General, to appoint Special Project Officers, warrant officers, and noncommissioned officers for service in the California Cadet Corps, and authorizes the Adjutant General to adopt rules and regulations for the promotion of officers, warrant officers, and noncommissioned officers of the California Cadet Corps.

Existing law authorizes members of the California Cadet Corps to use California National Guard rifle ranges. This bill would authorize members of the California Cadet Corps to use California National Guard facilities for training purposes.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 630, Statutes of 2011))

SB 546 Correa *Disabled veterans: families and dependents: employment opportunities*

Existing law establishes various state benefits for veterans. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would extend employment opportunities to families and dependents of veterans who are not able to work due to service connected disabilities.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 661 Lieu *Crime: picketing*

This bill would make it a crime, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months, or by both, for a person to engage in picketing, as defined, except upon private property, which is targeted at a funeral, as defined, during the time period beginning one hour prior to the funeral and ending one hour after the conclusion of the funeral. The bill would set forth related findings and declarations.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 354, Statutes of 2012))

SB 663 Correa *Veterans: transitional housing*

Under existing law, the Department of Veterans Affairs has specified powers and duties relating to various programs serving veterans, including establishing housing projects. This bill would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide transitional housing for veterans, address the housing needs of homeless veterans, or provide other assistance to homeless veterans
(Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 217, Statutes of 2012))

SB 805 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Sales and use taxes: consumers: veterans: itinerant vendors*

Existing law provides, until January 1, 2012, that a qualified itinerant vendor, as defined, is a consumer, and not a retailer, of tangible personal property owned and sold by the qualified itinerant vendor, except for alcoholic beverages or items sold for more than \$100, so that the retail sale subject to tax is the sale of tangible personal property to the qualified itinerant vendor. This bill would delete the repeal date of January 1, 2012, thereby making the provision that a qualified itinerant vendor is a consumer, and not a retailer, of tangible personal property, as specified, operative indefinitely. This bill would provide that, notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for sales and use tax revenues lost by them pursuant to this bill. This bill would take effect immediately as a tax levy.
(Chaptered by Secretary of State Chapter 246, Statutes of 2011))

SB 806 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Veterans' benefits: Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943.*

The Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943, administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, provides veterans with the opportunity to acquire farms and homes. Existing law provides that when a veteran has been authorized by the department to select a farm or home, the veteran shall submit the selection to the department, as provided. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.
(Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 374, Statutes of 2011))

SB 807 Committee on Veterans Affairs *National defense*

Existing law for national defense provides for the Sabotage Prevention Act of 1950 and includes definitions for terms therein, including a definition for "defense preparation." This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.
(Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 355, Statutes of 2012))

SB 809 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Veterans: educational assistance: dependents*

Existing law defines "veterans" for the purposes of the various programs bestowing benefits upon veterans, including, but not limited to, educational assistance for dependents of veterans. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that definition.
(Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 811 Committee on Veterans Affairs. *Veterans: memorial districts: buildings*

Existing law authorizes the establishment of memorial districts with specified powers and duties relating to veterans' buildings. Existing law authorizes registered electors residing within a proposed district to propose the formation of a district, as provided. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision authorizing registered electors to propose the formation of a district.

SB 812 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Flag protocol: POW/MIA Flag*

This bill would, where the National Flag, State Flag, and POW/MIA Flag are used, and only one flagpole is used, require the National Flag to be above the State Flag, and the State Flag to be above the POW/MIA Flag.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 813 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Public postsecondary education: veterans' enrollment*

This bill would grant priority enrollment to these members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States within 4 years of leaving active duty. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 375, Statutes of 2011))

SB 814 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Military personnel: political activity while in uniform*

Existing law prescribes various powers and duties of military personnel. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit military personnel from engaging in political activity while in uniform.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 815 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Emergency assistance: military: Civil Air Patrol*

Existing federal law provides that the Civil Air Patrol is a federally chartered nonprofit corporation that is a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force whose purposes, among others, include providing an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national emergencies and assisting the United States Department of the Air Force in fulfilling its noncombat programs and missions. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to recognize and clarify the role of Civil Air Patrol as an organization that assists the California Emergency Management Agency or the National Guard with respect to state emergencies.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 816 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Veterans' homes of California: economic need*

Existing law establishes a Veterans' Home of California at specified sites for aged and disabled veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. Existing law requires veterans who served during a time of war to be given priority admission over those who served in a time of peace, and requires highest priority to be given to Medal of Honor recipients and former prisoners of war. This bill would require the administrator, in the admission of veterans who served in a time of war or peace, to consider the economic needs those of veterans.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 817 Committee on Veterans Affairs *State contracts: participation goals*

This bill would revise the requirements imposed on disabled veteran business enterprises to, among other changes, require a disabled veteran to have at least a 10% service-connected disability and require a disabled veteran business enterprise to submit specified income tax information to the Office of Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Services. This bill would revise the minimum criteria for a business utilization plan to be approved by the Department of General Services, as specified. The bill would also expand the types of contracts to which these provisions apply to include contracts for commodities, property, goods, professional services, construction

work, or equipment, including information technology goods and services.
((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 842 Rubio *California residency*

This bill would provide that a student who is a spouse, domestic partner, or dependent natural or adopted child or stepchild of a member of the Armed Forces, as defined, who is, or was, on active duty at any time on or after January 1, 1991, is exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University and the California Community Colleges. Because this bill would impose new duties on community college districts relating to determining whether a student is eligible for this exemption, it would constitute a state-mandated local program. The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to establish the same requirements for exemption from nonresident tuition as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California. This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and maintain a program for the issuance of identification cards establishing California residency to any eligible person, as defined, who is the spouse, domestic partner, or dependent child of a member or veteran of the Armed Services of the United States or the California National Guard, in accordance with specified requirements. Possession of a valid California residency identification card would be evidence that the person is a California resident for the purposes of entitlement to benefits at all state and local offices. The bill would require each office of the Department of Motor Vehicles to perform various duties with respect to distribution, collection, and processing of the application forms and issuing the identification cards. Among other responsibilities, the Department of Veterans Affairs would be responsible for developing protocols to be used by it and the Department of Motor Vehicles in administering the program. This bill, notwithstanding any other law, would make the spouse or domestic partner, or a dependent natural or adopted child or stepchild, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state who is, or was, on active duty at any time on or after January 1, 1991, eligible to apply for and receive defined state and local public social services benefits to the same extent as any other applicant or recipient, regardless of the individual's immigration status. This bill would make an appropriation by expanding eligibility for the CalWORKs program. In addition, the bill would increase the duties of counties administering public social services programs, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

((Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56))

SB 921 Lieu *Military Department: Office of the Inspector General: California Military Whistleblower Protection Act*

This bill would establish specified requirements for the position of California's inspector general, including, among others, a requirement that the Governor appoint the inspector general. This bill would specify the duties of the California Military Department Inspector General, and would require the inspector general to continue to maintain a toll-free public telephone number and Internet Web site to receive complaints and allegations. This bill would authorize the inspector general to investigate specified complaints and allegations of misconduct upon written request of specified persons, and would provide that those requests are not a public record under the California Public Records Act. This bill would establish the California Military Whistleblower Protection Act, which would prohibit a person from restricting a member of the Military Department from making specified communications to a Member of Congress, the Governor, a Member of the Legislature, or any state or federal inspector general, or from taking, or threatening to take, unfavorable personnel actions, or withholding, or

threatening to withhold, favorable personnel actions, as a reprisal against a member of the Military Department for making specified communications. This bill would require the California Military Department Inspector General to take specified actions if a member of the Military Department makes allegations that a prohibited personnel action has been taken, or has been threatened to be taken, as provided.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 731, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1179 Walters *Income taxes: credit: manufacturers*

This bill would allow a credit against the taxes imposed by the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law in an amount equal to \$3,000 for each disabled veteran, as defined, hired as a qualified full-time employee during the taxable year by a qualified employer, as defined.

((Assembly Appropriations))

SB 1184 Corbett *Senior insurance: veterans benefits*

This bill would prohibit an insurance broker or agent from participating in, being associated with, or employing any party that participates in, or is associated with, obtaining veterans benefits for a senior, unless the insurance agent or broker maintains procedural safeguards designed to ensure that the agent or broker transacting insurance has no direct financial incentive to refer the policyholder or prospective policyholder to any veterans benefits program offered through the government.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 222, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1198 Calderon *Department of Veterans Affairs: publicity of benefit programs for homeless veterans*

This bill would require the department to publicize information pertaining to benefits that are available to qualified homeless veterans, including, but not limited to, the veterans pension programs administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing voucher program, and CalFresh. This bill would require the department to publicize this information using printed material, its Internet Web site, or other forms of media, as specified. The bill would also require the information to state that veterans may receive assistance from a county veterans service office in applying for any benefits that they may be qualified to receive.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 408, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1258 Wolk and Correa *Department of Veterans Affairs: monitoring outcomes for veterans: Director of Employment Development: disclosure of information*

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop outcome and related indicators for veterans, for the purpose of assessing the status of veterans in California, for monitoring the quality of programs intended to serve those veterans, and to guide decision making on how to improve those services. This bill would require the department to report to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Veterans Affairs all of the outcome and related indicators developed by the department, recommendations on ways to establish a system for monitoring those indicators on a continual basis, and any regulatory or fiscal barriers that may hinder future progress on the development of a monitoring system, as provided.

((Consideration of Governor's veto pending))

SB 1287 *Harman Sport fishing licenses*

This bill would also require the department to issue a reduced fee sport fishing license to active military personnel who are recovering service members, as defined, and who demonstrate eligibility, as prescribed.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 409, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1288 *Harman Hunting licenses*

This bill would also require the department to issue a reduced fee hunting license to military personnel who are recovering service members, as defined, and who provide documentation of eligibility, as prescribed.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 410, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1355 *Runner Vehicles: driver's licenses: veterans*

This bill would require the department to include the designation "VETERAN" on a driver's license *or an identification card* issued to a veteran who requests the designation and provides proof of his or her military service and honorable discharge. The bill would authorize the department to charge a fee of \$29 for replacement of an unexpired driver's license or identification card with a new driver's license or identification card with a veteran's designation. The bill would also provide that applications for an original driver's license or identification card or the renewal of either are subject to the regular fees for issuance or renewal of the same.

((Senate Appropriations))

SB 1375 *Alquist Student veterans: services*

This bill would encourage the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California to offer on campus counseling services for student veterans by utilizing the resources of existing campus military and veterans offices. The bill would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourage the University of California, to adopt an online course, for one unit of credit, for student veterans to ease their transition to college and assist them in understanding the effects of postwar stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and traumatic brain injuries.

((Senate Education))

SB 1405 *De León Accountancy: military service: practice privilege*

This bill revises California's practice privilege statutes for the practice of accountancy to allow out-of-state licensees to practice in California with no notice or fee paid to the California Board of Accountancy (CBA), and allows certified public accountants (CPAs), public accountants (PAs) and public accounting firms to have their permits placed on military inactive status (MIS).

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 411, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1413 *Negrete McLeod Adjutant General Support programs*

Existing law authorizes the Adjutant General to establish rules and regulations for the provision of morale, welfare, and recreational activities for members of the National Guard, in accordance with federal military regulations. This bill would repeal that authorization.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 412, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1475 Cannella *Veterans' benefits: Department of Veterans Affairs*

Existing law authorizes the California Veterans' Educational Institute, which is under the management and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to provide opportunities for veterans to continue their education. Existing law authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to work with authorized agencies of the United States in providing those opportunities. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

((Senate Rules))

SB 1563 Cannella *Civil service examinations: veterans' preference*

This bill would specify that veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces as peace officers shall be allowed 15 additional points for any entrance examination for a peace officer position. The bill would also declare the Legislature's intent to simplify and expedite the process by which veterans who have completed acceptable training in the United States Armed Forces may become California peace officers.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 768, Statutes of 2012))

SB 1580 Committee on Governmental Organization *State surplus property: armories: sales*

This bill would authorize the Director of General Services, with the approval of the Adjutant General, to sell specified armories, including improvements made to those armories. This bill would, notwithstanding the requirement for payment of sale proceeds into the Deficit Recovery Bond Retirement Sinking Fund Subaccount, require the proceeds from the sale to be deposited in the Armory Fund. This bill would require the Department of General Services to be reimbursed for any reasonable costs or expenses incurred in conducting a transaction involving those armories, as specified. This bill would provide that the disposition of certain property does not constitute a sale or other disposition of surplus property, as specified.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 798, Statutes of 2012))

SJR 2 Kehoe *Military policy: "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass."*

This measure would urge the President, Congress, and Secretary of Defense of the United States to end the policy of levying fines on lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members discharged under the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" policy.

((Senate Veterans Affairs))

SCR 26 Blakeslee *Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter Memorial Highway*

This measure would designate a specified location on State Highway Route 1 in the City of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County as the Vietnam Veterans of America Central Coast Chapter Memorial highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 90, Statutes of 2011))

SJR 19 Strickland *Military base closures*

This measure would urge the California delegates of Congress to protect California military bases from closure during any upcoming base realignment and closure processes.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State. Res. Chapter 95, Statutes of 2012))

ASSEMBLY MEASURES

AB 63 Donnelly *Public postsecondary education: tuition and fees*

This bill would amend state law to conform with federal law granting a member of the Armed Forces, or his or her dependent, as provided, entitlement to resident classification for so long as he or she is continuously enrolled at that institution. This bill would delete a person without lawful immigration status from the exemption from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and would repeal the legislative findings and declarations referenced above. (3) The bill would request the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency requirements as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California.

((Assembly Higher Education))

AB 150 Perea *Public contracts: small business and disabled veteran business enterprise participation*

This bill allows the Department of General Services (DGS) to direct minimum business participation goals for minority, women, and disabled veteran-owned businesses and small businesses in state contracts, and to monitor progress in meeting this goal, commencing July 1, 2012.

((Died))

AB 167 Cook *California Stolen Valor Act*

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for a person to falsely represent himself or herself as a veteran, ex-serviceman, or member of the Armed Forces of the United States in connection with specified acts. Existing law provides that any person who, orally, in writing, or by wearing any military decoration, falsely represents himself or herself to have been awarded any military decoration, with the intent to defraud, is guilty of a misdemeanor, or in the case where the person committing the offense is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, an infraction or a misdemeanor, as specified. Existing law requires certain elected officers to forfeit their office upon the conviction of a crime pursuant to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2005, that involves a false claim of receipt of a military decoration or medal described in that act. This bill would provide that the above provisions shall be known as the California Stolen Valor Act. The bill would require that the elected officers described above additionally forfeit their office upon conviction of a crime pursuant to the California Stolen Valor Act, that involves a false claim that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces any of the crimes specified in the California Stolen Valor Act.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 69, Statutes of 2011))

AB 201 Butler *Veterans courts*

Existing law provides for the diversion of specified criminal offenders in alternate sentencing and treatment programs. This bill would authorize superior courts to develop and implement veterans courts for eligible veterans of the United States military with the objective of, among other things, creation of a dedicated calendar or a locally developed collaborative court-supervised veterans mental health program or system that leads to the placement of as many mentally ill offenders who are veterans of the United States military, including those with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, substance abuse, or any mental health problem stemming from military service, in community treatment as is feasible and consistent with public safety. The bill would provide that county participation is voluntary. The bill would declare the intent of the legislature that, where there are statutory requirements for certain education or counseling programs to be included in the terms of probation, the components of those counseling terms would be required to be

incorporated into the treatment programs that are designed to treat the underlying psychological disorders rather than requiring them in lieu of the psychological treatments.
((Vetoed by Governor))

AB 297 Galgiani *Public contracts: Veterans preference*

Existing law requires state departments that award specified types of contracts to establish a 3% participation goal for certified disabled veteran business enterprises, as defined. Existing law makes it a crime to, among other things, willfully make false statements or to fraudulently obtain certification as a disabled veteran business enterprise, as specified. This bill would allow a bid preference, as provided, to a bidder of a public works contract if that bidder utilizes the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment's Helmets to Hardhats program, as specified. This bill would require that the bidder and each listed subcontractor submit a certified statement, as specified, and would impose a civil penalty, as provided, for knowingly providing false information in that statement. This bill would also make various legislative findings and declarations.
((Died))

AB 342 Atkins, Butler, Cook, and John A. Pérez *Office of Planning and Research*

This bill would require the office to serve as the state's liaison to the United States Department of Defense in order to facilitate coordination regarding issues that are of significant interest to the state and department, as provided.
((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 395, Statutes of 2012))

AB 372 Roger Hernández *Public postsecondary education: veterans' academic credit*

Existing law requires the California State University and each community college district, and requests the University of California, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administers a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term attended at one of these institutions within 2 years of leaving active duty. This bill would require the California State University and each community college district, to develop criteria for granting academic credit for the military training received by any member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States. This requirement would be implemented by January 1, 2012. Because the bill would impose additional duties on the California Community Colleges in developing and implementing academic credit for military training, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.
((Senate Appropriations))

AB 487 Cook. *Veterans homes: fees and charges*

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites for aged and disabled veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. Existing law requires members of the homes to pay fees and charges as determined by the department, but prohibit the total of the member's fees and charges for specified types of care for any fiscal year to be greater

than a certain percentage of the member's annual income. This bill would instead require the member's fees and charges for any fiscal year be the lesser of a percentage of the member's annual income or a flat amount. This bill would also, beginning January 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, require the flat amount to be recalculated to reflect any changes in the Consumer Price Index, as prepared by the Department of Finance, from the previous year.

((Died))

AB 488 Cook *Veterans' homes: fees and charges*

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans Home of California at various sites for aged and disabled veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. Existing law requires members of the homes to pay fees and charges as determined by the department, but prohibit the total of the member's fees and charges for specified types of care for any fiscal year to be greater than a certain percentage of the member's annual income. Existing law also requires nonveteran spouses who become members of the home on or after July 1, 2009, to pay fees and charges based on the level of care, as specified, or an amount equal to the annual amount of federal per diem received for a veteran member in domiciliary care, whichever is greater, as provided. This bill would instead require nonveteran spouses to pay the same fees and charges as paid by the veteran members of the home, as determined by the department and subject to the same prohibitions.

((Died))

AB 557 John A. Pérez. *Veterans: National Guard: California Interagency Council on Veteran Services and Programs*

This bill would create in state government the California Interagency Council on Veteran Services and Programs, composed of specified members, for the purpose of bringing together key state agencies and departments, federal officials, legislative representatives, local governments, and stakeholder organizations to ensure that the state's programs that serve veterans are efficiently administered and properly integrated with federal and local government and other stakeholder organizations.

((Senate Appropriations))

AB 629 Monning. *Veterans cemetery*

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, the City of Seaside, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, and local agencies to design, develop, and construct the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord, as specified. The State Contract Act requires projects that are not under the jurisdiction of specified departments to be under the charge and control of the Department of General Services. This bill would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority for the veterans cemetery project to be under the sole charge and direct control of the authority.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 267, Statutes of 2011))

AB 635 Knight. *Veterans' benefits: public postsecondary education: mandatory educational fees*

Existing law establishes the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. These segments include the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. This bill would specify that, for purposes of veterans' benefits, the Trustees of the California State University, the Regents of the University of

California, and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges may designate mandatory education fees as tuition.

((Died))

AB 636 Knight. *Military service: benefits*

Existing law provides certain protections for members of the National Guard ordered into active state service by the Governor or active federal service by the President of the United States for emergency purposes, and for reservists called to active duty, as specified, including requiring that specified institutions that grant a student a military leave of absence make arrangements to reasonably accommodate and assist the student in meeting coursework requirements missed due to military service, credit the student's tuition and fee charges toward a subsequent academic term, or grant a refund of tuition and fees paid by the student for the academic term provided the student withdraws from the institution by a specified date, at the student's election. This bill would revise the conditions for a tuition and fees refund to remove the requirement of the student's withdrawal by a specified date. The bill would also require any credit toward a subsequent academic term to be equal to 100% of the cost of the subsequent academic term, rather than 100% of the cost of the missed academic term, and would provide that the subsequent term not be less than or exceed the missed term.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 293, Statutes of 2011))

AB 649 Harkey *Public postsecondary education: veteran's enrollment*

This bill would also grant priority admission and class registration to these members or former members of the Armed Forces, who are California residents, within 5 years of leaving active duty, as specified.

((Senate Education))

AB 697 V. Manuel Pérez. *Veteran: acquisition of home: interest of record*

The Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1974 authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist veterans in acquiring homes and farms by generally providing that the department may purchase a farm or home which the department then sells to a purchaser, as defined. Existing law prohibits the department, except in limited circumstances, from acquiring a home in which the veteran has an interest of record. This bill would eliminate this prohibition, and would instead authorize the department to acquire a home in which the veteran has an interest of record for the purpose of refinancing an existing mortgage loan, as provided. This bill would require the department to adopt and publish rules and regulations, as specified.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 368, Statutes of 2011))

AB 713 Block. *State militia: members: legal benefits*

Existing law provides legal benefits, as specified, for service members in regard to credit agreements, court proceedings, interest liabilities, eviction proceedings, contracts, mortgages and trusts, leases, life insurance policies, taxes and assessments, and health insurance policies. Existing law provides that dependents of a service member are entitled to some of the benefits accorded to service members, as specified. This bill would provide that a dependent of a service member is entitled to the benefit that no obligation or liability bearing interest at a rate in excess of 6% per year incurred by the dependent before that service member's entry into service, during any part of the period of military service, bear interest at a rate in excess of 6% per year, unless as provided. Existing law authorizes a service member to apply to the court for relief of an obligation or liability incurred by the service member

prior to his or her period of military service or for relief of any tax or assessment whether falling due prior to or during his or her period of military service. Existing law authorizes the court, after notice and hearing, unless in its opinion the ability of the petitioner to comply with the terms of the obligation or liability or to pay the tax or assessment has not been materially affected by reason of his or her military service, to grant specified relief. This bill would clarify that a service member may apply to a court for relief in respect of any obligation or liability incurred by the service member prior to orders for his or her most current period of military service. This bill would also clarify that the court may grant specified relief, unless in its opinion the ability of the petitioner to comply with the terms of the obligation or liability or to pay the tax or assessment has not been materially affected by reason of his or her most current period of military service.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 105, Statutes of 2011))

AB 825 Atkins *Veterans' homes: investigations: financial status*

Existing law authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to investigate a veteran's financial status to ensure that the veteran cannot pay for the necessary care outside of the veterans' home. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

((Died))

AB 855 Ma and Hagman *Sales and use taxes: consumers: veterans: itinerant Vendors*

The Sales and Use Tax Law imposes a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state, or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, measured by sales price. That law, with certain exceptions, defines a retailer as a seller who makes any retail sale of tangible personal property and as a person who makes more than 2 retail sales of tangible personal property during any 12-month period, and defines a retail sale as a sale of tangible personal property for any purpose other than resale in the regular course of business. Existing law, from September 6, 2011, to January 1, 2022, provides that a qualified itinerant vendor, as defined, is a consumer, and not a retailer, of tangible personal property owned and sold by the qualified itinerant vendor, except for alcoholic beverages or items sold for more than \$100, so that the retail sale subject to tax is the sale of tangible personal property to the qualified itinerant vendor. This bill would apply this provision beginning on and after January 1, 1986. This bill would make findings regarding the public purpose served by the bill. The Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law authorizes counties and cities to impose local sales and use taxes in conformity with the Sales and Use Tax Law, and existing law authorizes districts, as specified, to impose transactions and use taxes in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law, which conforms to the Sales and Use Tax Law. Amendments to state sales and use taxes are incorporated into these laws. Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides that the state will reimburse counties and cities for revenue losses caused by the enactment of sales and use tax exemptions. This bill would provide that, notwithstanding Section 2230 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, no appropriation is made and the state shall not reimburse local agencies for sales and use tax revenues lost by them pursuant to this bill.

((Senate Governance and Finance))

AB 882 Cook *Department of Veterans Affairs: consolidation of services to veterans*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, administration of veterans benefits programs. Existing

law establishes the California Veterans Board within the department and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, its power to determine operational policy for the department. This bill would establish the California Veterans Services and Workforce Development Division within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of coordinating and administering veterans assistance programs in the state, and would require the division to perform various functions and duties relating to the coordination and administration of veterans assistance programs, as specified. The bill would require the administrative and support staff responsible for the administration of the specified programs to be transferred from the Employment Development Department to the division, and would require the costs of the transfer to utilize existing resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 730, Statutes of 2011))

AB 1084 Davis *Veterans' farm and home purchases: definitions: home*

Existing law provides for farm and home purchase benefits for qualifying veterans under the Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943, and subsequent acts, which are collectively referred to as the CalVet Home Loan program. Existing law defines "cooperative housing corporation" for purposes of this program to mean a real estate development in which membership in the corporation, by stock, is coupled with the exclusive right to possess a portion of the real property. The bill would expand the definition of cooperative housing corporation to include a shared equity cooperative. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 377, Statutes of 2011))

AB 1093 Davis *Student financial aid: Military and Veterans Benefits Offices*

(1) Under existing law, the segments of the public higher education system in the state include the University of California, which is administered by the Regents of the University of California, the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University, and the California Community Colleges, which is administered by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourages the University of California, to coordinate services for qualified students who are veterans or members of the military by clearly designating Military and Veterans Offices and individuals to provide specified services. This bill would instead require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourage the University of California, to establish on each of its respective campuses a Military and Veterans Benefits Office and appoint a full-time Military and Veterans Benefits Advisor for each office to assist a qualified student in determining that student's eligibility for state or federal educational benefits or grants. (2) Existing law authorizes the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourages the University of California, to report to the Department of Veterans Affairs, on an annual basis, specified information. This bill would instead require the California Community Colleges and the California State University to report that information. (3) By requiring community college districts to establish a Military and Veterans Benefits Office on each campus, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions. ((Died))

AB 1209 Cook County veterans service officers

Existing law allows the board of supervisors of each county to appoint a county veterans service officer, whose duty is to administer the aid for veterans, as specified. This bill would appropriate the sum of \$11,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for disbursement to the counties to fund the activities of the county veterans service officers.

((Died))

AB 1223 Committee on Veterans Affairs. Medi-Cal: Public Assistance Reporting Information System

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law requires the department to establish a 2-year pilot program to utilize the federal Public Assistance and Reporting Information System (PARIS) to identify veterans and their dependents or survivors who are enrolled in the Medi-Cal program and assist them in obtaining federal veterans' health care benefits. Existing law requires the department to select 3 counties, as specified, to participate in the pilot project and authorizes the department to implement the program statewide at any time and continue the operation of PARIS indefinitely if the department determines that the pilot program is cost effective. This bill would remove the pilot project nature of these provisions and would require the department to implement this program statewide.

((Vetoed))

AB 1224 Committee on Veterans Affairs. Employment training panel: 3-year plan: training programs: veterans: National Guard members

Existing law establishes the Employment Training Panel (ETP) in the Employment Development Department, and prescribes the membership and functions and duties of the ETP with regard to the development and implementation of specified employment training programs. Existing law requires the ETP, among other things, to establish a 3-year plan, as specified, that is required to be updated annually, as provided, and requires that the updated plan be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature not later than January 1 of each year. Existing law requires the ETP, in carrying out its responsibilities related to the plan, to maintain a system to continuously monitor economic and other data required under the plan, and requires that the plan include specified components to identify and address employment training needs in the state. This bill would additionally require that the plan include a statement describing the employment training goals, objectives, and strategies that may be implemented to support target populations in need of employment training, including military veterans and members of the National Guard.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 396, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1225 Committee on Veterans Affairs Veterans: veterans' farm and home purchase

The Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943, administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, provides veterans with the opportunity to acquire farms and homes, including mobile homes. That act prohibits the department from acquiring a home in which a veteran has an interest of record except in specified instances. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that latter provision.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 774, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1386 Bradford *Women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement*

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical, gas, water, and telephone corporations. Existing law authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. Existing law directs the commission to require every electrical, gas, water, wireless telecommunications service provider, and telephone corporation with annual gross revenues exceeding \$25,000,000, and their regulated subsidiaries and affiliates, to implement a program developed by the commission to encourage, recruit, and utilize minority-, women-, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises, as defined, in the procurement of contracts from those corporations or from their regulated subsidiaries and affiliates, and to require the reporting of certain information. The commission, by its rulemaking authority, has adopted General Order 156, applicable to certain electrical, gas, and telephone corporations, to effectuate these requirements. Existing law includes the declaration by the Legislature that each electrical, gas, water, wireless telecommunications service provider, and telephone corporation that is not required to submit a plan is encouraged to voluntarily adopt a plan for increasing women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement in all categories. This bill would additionally declare that the Legislature encourages each cable television corporation and direct broadcast satellite provider to voluntarily adopt a plan for increasing women, minority, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement and to voluntarily report activity in this area to the Legislature on an annual basis.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 443, Statutes of 2011))

AB 1505 Pan *Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans' benefits*

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide qualified benefits for California service members who were discharged from the military under the former "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Specifically, this bill: 1) Defines "qualified benefits" to mean benefits that are administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including, among other things, college tuition fee waivers for dependents.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 397, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1550 Bonilla *Vehicles: veterans' organizations license plates: fees*

This bill increases the amount of fees for veterans' specialized license plates and makes other changes for those license plates to benefit the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Fund.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 398, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1588 Atkins *Professions and vocations: reservist licensees: fees and continuing education*

This bill would require the boards described above, with certain exceptions, to waive the renewal fees, continuing education requirements, and other renewal requirements as determined by the board, if any are applicable, of any licensee or registrant who is called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard if certain requirements are met. The bill would, except as specified, prohibit a licensee or registrant from engaging in any activities requiring a license while a waiver is in effect. The bill would require a licensee or registrant to meet certain renewal requirements within a specified time period after being discharged from active duty service prior to engaging in any activity requiring a license. The bill would require a licensee or registrant to notify the board of his or her discharge from active duty within a specified time period.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 742, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1592 Olsen *Veterans: benefits: fee waiver*

This bill would authorize the governing board of a county or city to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to disabled veterans, as defined, by waiving service-related fees charged by the county or city, as specified.

((Senate Rules))

AB 1652 Olsen, Valadao *California American Portuguese Veterans Memorial This bill would authorize the American Portuguese Club*

Incorporated, in consultation with the department and a specifically created committee, to construct and maintain a memorial in the existing All Veterans Memorial to honor California American Portuguese veterans. It would require that the planning, construction, and maintenance of the memorial be funded with private donations through the American Portuguese Club Incorporated. It would prohibit construction of the memorial until the master plan of the State Capitol Park is approved and adopted by the Joint Committee on Rules and the Department of Finance have determined that sufficient private funding is available to construct and maintain the memorial.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 719, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1725 Lowenthal *Driver's licenses: identification cards: veterans*

This bill would require the application for a driver's license or identification card to also allow a person to present to the department, in a manner determined by the department, a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, as specified, and to request the driver's license or identification card be designated with a "V" or another appropriate designation to indicate that the person has served in the United States Armed Forces. The bill would require the department to allow an applicant to present a verification from the county veterans service officer that the person has received that form. The department would be required to print the letter "V" or another appropriate designation on the face of a driver's license or identification card issued to a person who makes that request and presents that form to the department.

((Assembly))

AB 1739 Allen *Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund: Veterans' Home Allied Council: operation of facilities and activities*

Existing law establishes a Veterans' Home Allied Council for each home pursuant to the constitution of the Allied Council, Veterans' Home of California, comprised of members of the home, as an advisory body to the administrator of the home. Existing law requires the administrator to maintain a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund that shall be used to provide certain operations and activities relating to the general welfare of the veterans. This bill would authorize the administrator to enter into an agreement with an allied council that authorizes that council to operate facilities and activities described above. The bill would require the agreement to be in the form and manner as specified by the administrator.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 95, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1805 Huffman *Military or overseas voters*

Establishes new voting procedures for military and overseas voters, as defined, to comply with the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C Sec. 1973ff et seq.) and implement the policies of that act and the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State laws.
((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 744, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1806 Cook *Veteran interment: veterans' remains organizations*

This bill would require the public administrator of a county to report all unclaimed remains to the county veteran service officer and would allow the release of the remains of a veteran or dependent of a veteran after 45 days. The bill would require a county veteran service officer who determines that unclaimed remains are those of a veteran or dependent of a veteran, and that the remains meet the criteria for interment by a veterans' remains organization to report specified information to Department of Veterans Affairs . This bill would require the department to maintain a list of those unclaimed remains, and make that list available to veterans' remains organizations by phone or in person. By increasing the duties of counties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 722, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1823 Yamada *Veterans' homes: accounting for charges*

This bill would require the quarterly statement or accounting of all charges to include information relating to payment of any outstanding charges at the time of the veteran's death, including the use of a deceased veteran's personal property or money for payment of outstanding charges, and a statement advising the member to seek counsel from a legal expert to protect his or her assets.
((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 158, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1832 Silva *Public postsecondary education: veterans: priority registration*

This bill would extend the time period for which those institutions are required and requested to grant priority registration for enrollment from 4 to 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.
((Assembly Higher Education))

AB 1842 Monning *California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery: Endowment Fund*

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, in voluntary cooperation with specified local entities, to design, develop, and construct a state-owned and state-operated veterans cemetery located on the site of the former Fort Ord. Existing law creates the California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ord Endowment Fund (Endowment Fund) in the State Treasury, and requires moneys in the fund to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the department for the annual administrative and oversight costs of the veterans cemetery, as specified, and to generate funding through interest for the veterans cemetery. Existing law provides that the Endowment Fund may consist of, among other things, donations from public and private entities and fees. This bill would authorize the department to enter into any financial agreement to receive cash advances in the Endowment Fund, provided that no encumbrances are made to the state and the agreement is reviewed and performed in consultation with the Department of Finance.
((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1869 John A.Perez *Office of Patient Advocate: federal veterans health benefits*

This bill would require the Office of Patient Advocate, commencing January 1, 2013, to also provide, and assist in the provision of, outreach and education about federal veterans health benefits. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 167, Statutes of 2012))

AB 1931 Cook *Department of Veterans Affairs: consolidation of services to veterans*

This bill would establish the California Veterans Services and Workforce Development Division within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of coordinating and administering veterans assistance programs in the state, and would require the division to perform various functions and duties relating to the coordination and administration of veterans assistance programs, as specified. The bill would require the administrative and support staff responsible for the administration of the specified programs to be transferred from the Employment Development Department to the division, and would require the costs of the transfer to utilize existing resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1932 Gorell *United States armed services: healing arts boards*

This bill would require, by January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, every healing arts board to issue a specified written report to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Legislature, as specified, that clearly details the methods of evaluating the education, training, and experience obtained in military service and whether that education, training, and experience is applicable to the board's requirements for licensure. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature in this regard.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1936 Knight *State employment: military service: inactive duty training*

This bill requires that a state employee who is granted a short-term military leave of absence for inactive duty receive his or her state salary for the first 30 calendar days of inactive duty served during a fiscal year.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 1976 Logue *Professions & vocations: licensure & certification requirements: military experience*

This bill would require a healing arts board within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Department of Public Health, upon the presentation of evidence by an applicant for licensure or certification, to, except as specified, accept education, training, and practical experience completed by an applicant in military service toward the qualifications and requirements to receive a license or certificate. If a board or the State Department of Public Health accredits or otherwise approves schools offering educational course credit for meeting licensing and certification qualifications and requirements, the bill would, not later than July 1, 2014, require a board or the State Department of Public Health to accredit or otherwise approve only those schools that seeking accreditation or approval to have procedures in place to accept an applicant's military education, training, and practical experience toward the completion of an educational program that would qualify a person to apply for licensure or certification. The bill would require each board and the State Department of Public Health to determine whether it is necessary to adopt regulations to implement these provisions and if so, would require those regulations to be adopted not later than January 1, 2014. If a board or the State Department of Public Health determines that such regulations are not necessary, the bill would require a report with an explanation regarding that determination to be submitted to the Governor and the

Legislature not later than January 1, 2014. The bill would require the Director of Consumer Affairs and the State Department of Public Health, by January 1, 2016, to submit to the Governor and the Legislature a written report on the progress of the boards and the department in complying with these provisions.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2004 Knight *Personal Income Tax Law: exclusion: military veterans: combat zone compensation and disability retirement payments*

This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, exclude from gross income , as provided, Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) payments, as defined, received by an eligible individual, as defined. This bill would make these provisions inoperative on January 1, 2018.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2130 Gorell and Morrell *Peace officers: training*

This bill would authorize the commission to evaluate pertinent military police officer training previously completed by any jurisdiction's law enforcement officers for the purposes purpose of determining whether the training meets the current training requirements prescribed by the commission. The bill would authorize the commission to develop a protocol that considers previous military police officer training as an applicable substitute for portions of the current standard training.

((Senate Appropriations))

AB 2133 Blumenfield *Veterans: priority registration*

This bill: 1) Titles this section the Combat to College Act of 2012. 2) Extends the priority registration for enrollment period for California State University (CSU) and California Community Colleges (CCC) for veterans from four years post discharge to fifteen years post discharge. 3) Extends the scope of programs covered by priority registration for enrollment; certificate programs will now be included. 4) Requests UC comply with these provisions. 5) Creates a reimbursable state mandate if so determined by the Commission on State Mandates.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2151 Halderman *Veterans' homes: Redding: Fresno: funding*

This bill would appropriate \$26,100,000 from the General Fund to the California Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of operating the Veterans' Home of California, Redding, and the Veterans' Home of California, Fresno.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2198 Nielsen *Department of Veterans Affairs: reporting requirements*

This bill would revise the reporting requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include the number of veterans and their family members who have contacted or utilized the services of the county veterans service offices during the fiscal year, the number of claims filed to achieve benefits on behalf of veterans and their dependents, the annualized monetary value of benefits received, and a summary of services provided and special events and activities in which county veterans service offices participated, as specified.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 401, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2202 Block *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: task force: State Council*

This bill would authorize the Superintendent to convene the State Council to complete the work of the task force if the Superintendent finds it infeasible or impractical to reconvene the task force with its original membership. The bill also would require the final report to be submitted no later than December 1, 2013, and would extend the effective date of provisions regarding the task force and the State Council and their duties to January 1, 2014.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 402, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2248 Cook *State contracts: veterans' services*

Existing law provides for certain services, protections, and benefits for veterans. This bill would the Director of General Services to establish criteria identifying state contracts for social services provided to veterans or their families and to create a process that would provide a participation incentive to specified bidders for state contracts for social services provided to veterans or their families for use by all state agencies. This bill would also make findings and declarations regarding the need for these programs.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2250 Beth Gaines *Public postsecondary education: nonresident tuition: military members*

This bill exempts active and former members of the Armed Forces or State Military Reserve and their spouses from paying nonresident tuition at the California State University (CSU) and California Community Colleges (CCC).

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB2329 Olsen *Capitol Historic Region: veterans memorials: public contracts*

This bill would provide that contracts for the construction, enhancement, or design of any veterans memorial, authorized by the Legislature, funded entirely through private donations, and located in the Capitol Historic Region, shall be exempt from the Public Contract Code.

((Senate Rules))

AB 2371 Butler *Veterans: criminal defendants: mental health issues and restorative relief*

This bill provides restorative relief to a veteran defendant who acquires a criminal record due to a mental disorder stemming from military service.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 403, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2426 Galgiani *Public contracts: veterans preference*

This bill would allow a bid preference, as provided, to a bidder of a public works contract if that bidder utilizes the Helmets to Hardhats program administered by the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment, and Veterans Employment, as specified. This bill would require that the bidder and each listed subcontractor submit a certified statement, as specified, and would impose a civil penalty, as provided, for knowingly providing false information in that statement. This bill would also make various legislative findings and declarations.

((Assembly Appropriations))

AB 2462 Block, Cook, and Fuentes *Public postsecondary education: academic credit for prior military academic experience*

This bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to determine by July 1, 2015, for which courses credit should be awarded for prior military experience, as specified. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 404, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2470 Nielsen *Veterans' memorials: Northern California Veterans Cemetery: Vietnam veterans' sculpture*

This bill would recognize the Vietnam veterans, sculpture located in the Northern California Veterans Cemetery as an official state memorial for Vietnam veterans. ((Assembly Veterans Affairs))

AB 2475 Committee on Veterans Affairs *Military service protection: real and personal property rights*

This bill, authored by the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee, seeks to extend from three months to nine months the time after a service member's period of military service is over during which foreclosure upon the service member's home is prohibited. In 2008, federal lawmakers amended the Service members' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to increase this period from three months to nine months under federal law. This bill would simply amend California law to conform to the federal SCRA to reflect the same nine month period of protection. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 204, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2478 Hayashi *Student residency requirements: veterans*

Extends resident classification for four years to California Community College (CCC) students who were stationed in California on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged, creating a reimbursable state mandate if so determined by the Commission on State Mandates. ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 405, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2490 Butler *Veterans service officers: correctional facilities*

Establishes the position of a veterans service officer in each facility under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). ((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 407, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2528 John A. Perez *Mortgages and deeds of trust: foreclosure: military members*

This bill would require that in order for a notice of default to be recorded, it include a declaration stating that the mortgagee, trustee, or authorized agent contacted the borrower to determine if the borrower is an active duty service member, and if the borrower is an active duty service member, or was an active duty service member 90 days prior to the date the notice of default is to be recorded, that the mortgagee, trustee, or authorized agent has complied with the federal Service members Civil Relief Act. ((Assembly Judiciary))

AB 2540 Gatto *Veterans' Home of California: county veterans service Officers*

This bill would continuously appropriate, on a fiscal year basis, from these revenues that are deposited into the General Fund, \$90 million annually to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of operating specified veterans' homes in California, and \$15 million annually to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of funding county veterans service officers, \$85

million annually to the Department of Food and Agriculture for ongoing pest eradication and invasive species eradication programs, as specified, and \$20 million annually to the Department of Fish and Game for ongoing pest eradication and invasive species eradication programs, as specified, thereby making an appropriation.

((Assembly Revenue and Taxation))

AB 2548 Mitchell *California Veterans California Veterans Board*

Existing law provides that the California Veterans Board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation. All members of the board are required to be veterans, and certain of the members are required to have meet specific criteria with regard to their background, education, training, experience, or expertise. This bill would also require one member of the board to have substantial training, professional knowledge, or experience in the issues faced by female veterans, as specified.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 205, Statutes of 2012))

AB 2534 Block *Veterans' Home of California: county veterans service officers*

This bill would continuously appropriate, on a fiscal year basis, from the General Fund, \$90 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of operating specified veterans' homes in California and \$15 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purposes of funding county veteran's service officers, thereby making an appropriation.

((Assembly Revenue and Taxation))

AB 2598 Fuentes *Military service: academic credit*

This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to establish a statewide system for the collection of information about veterans who have or have had a presumptive illness relating to qualifying military service, as determined by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. It would also require the department to evaluate the sources of a presumptive illness and evaluate measures designed to eliminate, alleviate, or ameliorate its effect.

((Assembly Health))

AB 2611 Butler *Veterans courts*

Authorizes superior courts to implement veterans courts.

((Vetoed))

AB 2659 Blumenfield *Vehicles: driver's licenses*

This bill allows licensed drivers of military commercial vehicles to qualify for a California commercial driver's license without undergoing a California driving skills test. Authorizes rental car companies to rent vehicles to licensed drivers upon inspection of the driver's license signature or photograph.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 406, Statutes of 2012))

ACR 16 Eng. *Day of Remembrance*

This measure would declare February 19, 2011, as a Day of Remembrance in order to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 39, Statutes of 2011))

AJR 6 *Ma. Filipino veterans*

This measure would request that the Congress and the President of the United States enact the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act of 2011 (H.R. 210).

((Chaptered by Secretary of State - Res. Chapter 42, Statutes of 2012))