# Veterans and Military Bills of Interest

# 2015-2016 Legislative Session

# (as of October 31, 2016)

***ASSEMBLY MEASURES***

**AB 13 (Chávez)**

This bill exempts from the California Community College (CCC) nonresident student fees those veterans living in California and covered under the federal Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act), and authorizes CCCs to claim state apportionment funding for these students enrolled on or after July 1, 2015.

* Senate Education – died.

# AB 27 (Chávez)

This bill requires the state's public postsecondary educational institutions to exempt qualifying nonresident veterans from nonresident tuition and fee charges, in conformance with federal law. Specifically, this bill:

Requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), by July 1, 2015, to adopt tuition policies ensuring participation of eligible veterans and their dependents in GI Bill education benefits and providing conformity with the federal Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Choice Act").

* Senate Education – died.

**AB 75 (Mathis)**

This bill continuously appropriates $3 million General Fund (GF), each fiscal year, to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) for the purpose of funding 36 Veteran Claims Representative positions to ensure the quality and timeliness of claims filed through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) on behalf of California veterans and their families.

* Assembly Appropriations – died.

# AB 171 (Irwin)

This bill modifies the formula by which the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) allocates state funds to county veterans service officers (CVSOs), and adds reporting requirements to help determine how effectively and efficiently state funds are being spent.

* Senate Floor – Inactive File – died.

**AB 240 (Wilk)**

This bill provides free day use entry to state parks for vehicles with specified special recognition license plates:

1. Pearl Harbor Survivor – issued to Pearl Harbor survivors.
2. Legion of Valor – issued to recipients of the Army Medal of Honor, Navy Medal of Honor, Air Force Medal of Honor, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, or Army Distinguished Service Class. May be retained by a surviving spouse.
3. Former Prisoner of War – issued to former prisoners of war.
4. Congressional Medal of Honor – issued to recipients of a Congressional Medal of Honor. May be retained by a surviving spouse.
5. Purple Heart Veteran- issued to veterans who recognized for being wounded in action. May be retained by a surviving spouse.
6. Gold Star Family – issued to qualified family members whose relative lost their life in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces, including spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 255 (Irwin)**

This bill creates the office of Internal Audits for Veterans Affairs within the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet). Specifically, this bill:

1. subject to appointment by the Governor and confirmation by the Senate.
2. Requires the auditor to report to the CalVet secretary (secretary) and conduct reviews and investigations at the request of the secretary or other members of senior management.
3. Requires the auditor to report findings of employee misconduct to the secretary.
4. Subjects the auditor to specified sections of Government Code related to internal auditors' independence and responsibilities.
5. Allows the auditor to initiate a review or investigation of an alleged wrongdoing.
6. Requires the auditor, beginning January 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, to submit an annual summary report to the California Veterans Board and relevant policy committees of the Legislature.
7. Includes a January 1, 2020 sunset.

* Assembly Appropriations – died.

**AB 388 (Chang)**

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to include specified information relating to the effectiveness of the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention (VHHP) Bond Act of 2014 in an annual report, including information relating to the effectiveness of assisted projects in helping veterans occupying any supportive housing or transitional housing development that was issued funds pursuant to the VHHP.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 692, Statutes of 2015

# AB 393 (R. Hernández)

The bill establishes a grant program to support California Community Colleges (CCC) veterans' resource centers. Specifically, this bill:

* 1. Requires the Chancellor of the CCC to develop and administer the grant program. Community college districts may apply for grants for existing or planned centers to provide assistance to veterans and active duty Armed Forces members to help them succeed academically.
  2. Provides that the program requirements may include funding priority to campuses providing matching funds.
  3. Stipulates that funding for the program is subject to appropriation by the Legislature.
  4. Requires the Chancellor to provide a progress report to the Legislature regarding the program by May 31, 2018.
* Assembly Appropriations – died.

**AB 413 (Chávez)**

This bill authorizes a spouse or child to enter into additional state contracts during the existing three-year designation extension following the death or permanent disability of an owner of a certified disabled veteran-owned business enterprise (DVBE). Existing law limits business activities to the completion of contracts entered into prior to death or permanent disability of the veteran owner.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 513, Statutes of 2015.

# AB 421 (Calderon)

This bill requires:

* 1. Every community college district governing board to provide each of its colleges having 200 or more enrolled student veterans with a veterans' counselor.
  2. The California Community College (CCC) Board of Governors (BOG) to adopt regulations establishing minimum qualifications for a veterans' counselor, and in doing so to consider specified requirements.
* Assembly Appropriations – died.

**AB 442 (Irwin)**

This bill:

1. Codifies the Governor’s Military Council, under the direction of the CMD.
2. Provides for appointment to the Council by the Governor.
3. Requires the appointments to include, but not be limited to, bipartisan representatives from both houses of the Legislature.
4. Self-repeals on January 1, 2021.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 298, Statutes of 2015.

# AB 583 (Chávez)

This bill extends existing employment and reemployment protections to members of national guards of other states, when they must leave positions of private employment within California, due to having been called onto active state service by other states’ Governors or onto active federal service by the President of the United States.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 183, Statutes of 2015.

**AB 659 (Mathis)**

Creates the office of Inspector General for Veterans Affairs, who would be subject to the direction of the Governor, within the department. Provides:

1. The inspector general to be appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation.
2. The inspector general to be responsible for reviewing the operations and financial condition of each California veterans home, each veterans farm and home purchase program, and all other veterans programs supported by the state.
3. Beginning January 1, 2017, and each year after, the bill requires the inspector general to submit a report to the board and the Legislature and make any recommendations he or she deems necessary for improving the operations of the veterans programs. Repeals the reporting requirement on January 1, 2020.
4. The establishment of a toll-free telephone number to report alleged wrongdoing regarding veterans programs.
5. Authorizes the inspector general:
   1. To receive communications from any individual who believes he or she may have information that warrants a review or investigation of a veterans program.
   2. And in some instances require, the inspector general to conduct a review or investigation.

* Assembly Veterans Affairs – died.

# AB 930 (Irwin and Atkins)

This bill codifies the authorization for the existing Work for Warriors (WFW) program, which provides direct placement job services to unemployed and underemployed military service members, veterans, graduates of state military youth programs, military families, and other related populations in California.

* Senate Floor Inactive File – died.

# AB 1029 (Frazier)

Requires CalVet to create a program to certify organizations that provide specified services to military veterans and their families:

1. Posits legislative findings and declarations supporting the establishment of a process for certifying veteran service providers.
2. Defines "certified California veteran servicer provider" as an entity that certified by the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) as having an established history of providing supportive services, as specified and that meets all of specific requirements:
   1. Provides supportive services to veterans and their families in at least three of the following areas: (1) housing assistance, (2) health, (3) mental health, (4) small business assistance, (5) employment assistance, and (6) job training.
   2. Demonstrates the knowledge, experience, and cultural competency to provide supportive services to veterans and their families.
   3. Demonstrates through audits and employment history the fiscal and management capacity to provide these services to veterans and their families.
   4. Is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

# AB 1218 (Weber)

Makes significant adjustments to contracting performance goals and program participation reporting associated with the Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

# AB 1401 (Baker)

This bill requests the Office of the Adjutant General (OTAG) to provide specified assistance, regarding higher education, to members of the California National Guard (CNG), State Military Reserve (SMR), and Naval Militia, who do not have a baccalaureate degree.

1. Requests OTAG to, among other things, make copies of the enrollment fee waiver application of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the FAFSA available to each member of the CNG, SMR, and Naval Militia not having a baccalaureate degree.
2. Requests OTAG to assist these persons in completing these forms, as needed.
3. Requests that OTAG also make available additional information regarding the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill and the state’s California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNGEAAP) program, and contact information for veterans’ educational assistance.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 254, Statutes of 2015.

**AB 1596 (Mathis)**

This bill appropriates $3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of grants to veterans service organizations. The bill would require the department to establish criteria, regulations, and reporting requirements for any organization it contracts with pursuant to these provisions. The bill would additionally require a veterans service organization that contracts with the department to have a presence in this state and be registered with both the Secretary of State and Attorney General.

* Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 1672 (Mathis)**

This bill would require the Judicial Council to, on or before June 1, 2019, report to the Legislature on a study of veterans and veterans treatment courts, as specified. This bill would appropriate $100,000 from the General Fund and $100,000 from the Veterans Court Assessment (VCA) Fund, which is created in this bill, to conduct the study and report to the Legislature.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 1706 (Chávez)**

AB 1706 would update provisions of the California Stolen Valor Act to conform to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013. Specific provisions of this bill would:

1. Update the California Stolen Valor Act to require a conviction under the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013 rather than the 2005 version.
2. Clarify intent requirements for misdemeanors punishable under the California Stolen Valor Act.
3. Define “district” and “tangible benefit.”
4. Add the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, the Naval Militia, the national guard of any other state, or any other reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States to the list of military service branches covered by the California Stolen Valor Act.
5. Add to the list of misdemeanors punishable under the California Stolen Valor Act, any person who:
   1. Forges documentation reflecting award of any military decoration that he or she has not received for the purposes of obtaining money, property, or receiving a tangible benefit;
   2. Wears the uniform or military decoration authorized for use by members or veterans for the purposes of obtaining money, property, or receiving a tangible benefit, or for the purposes of promoting a business, charity, or endeavor, or for the purposes of gaining an advantage for employment;
   3. Knowingly utilizes falsified military identification for the purposes of obtaining money, property, or receiving a tangible benefit.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 1844 (Galagher)**

This bill requires the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce the lifetime sportsman’s, lifetime hunting, and lifetime fishing license fees by 25 percent for honorably discharged veterans.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 1936 (Chávez)**

This bill expands the current eligibility for resident postsecondary tuition and fees currently provided for *enrolled* dependents of an Armed Forces member, who either transfers or retires, to those that are *admitted* to the institution. This bill requests the University of California (UC) to establish the same residency benefits for students.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 1972 (Chau)**

This bill strikes the current restriction limiting eligibility to receive a free park pass, known as the Distinguished Veteran Pass (pass), to veterans of a war who meet specified criteria, thus extending eligibility for the pass to any veteran who has a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 2085**

This bill:

1. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, creates the Office of Military Legal Assistance within the Military Department.
2. Requires the office to assist current servicemembers in the state who require legal assistance by providing access to educational and informational resources and by providing referral services to available legal assistance programs, including reduced fee services, pro bono services, and self-help services.
3. Subject to the provisions described above, authorizes the office to provide assistance in legal areas including, but not limited to, the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, consumer protection, and landlord-tenant issues.
4. Makes these provisions inoperative on July 1, 2022, and would repeal them as of January 1, 2023.

* Vetoed by Governor.

**AB 2128 (Achadjian)**

This bill limits the power of a county clerk or the State Register to reject a power of attorney from a member of the Armed Forces stationed overseas and seeking to marry "by proxy." Specifically, this bill provides that proper completion of a power of attorney by a member of the armed forces, stationed overseas, serving in a conflict or a war and seeking to marry through an attorney-in-fact, is the sole determinant as to whether the county clerk's office and the State Registrar must accept the power of attorney and allow the military member to get married.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 130, Statutes of 2016.

**AB 2247 (Williams)**

This bill requires the Director of the Department of General Services (DGS), with the approval of the Adjutant General of the Military Department (CMD), to grant specified cities and school districts an option to purchase the Santa Barbara Armory, Brawley Armory, Indio Armory, Lynwood Armory, and Pomona Armory, as defined.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 382, Statutes of 2016.

**AB 2254 (Achadjian)**

This bill revises the list of armories to be made available each year from October 15 through April 15 for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons to include the Atascadero armory in San Luis Obispo County.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 462, Statutes of 2016.

**AB 2273 (Irwin)**

This bill prohibits a member of the active militia, including the California National Guard (CNG), from being prosecuted for a military crime, under state authority, based on an attempt to kill him or herself.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 328, Statutes of 2016.

**AB 2494 (Roger Hernández)**

This bill establishes the Veteran Resource Centers Grant Program, contingent upon an appropriation, in which community college districts and campuses may apply for grants to provide veterans and active duty members resources to help them succeed academically. This program is scheduled to sunset January 1, 2023.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 2512 (Grove)**

This bill creates a nine-member volunteer Task Force on California Women Veterans Health Care, within the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), to study the health care needs of women veterans in the state, as specified. It requires the task force, when conducting its study and preparing a report required in this bill, to consult with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Managed Health Care, and representatives of county veterans service officers.

* Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**AB 2574 (Chávez)**

This bill requires state departments to develop, by July 1, 2017, a New Veteran Farmer and Rancher Outreach and Assistance Plan to disseminate information to veterans in California about federal and state veteran agricultural education, training, and other assistance programs.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**ACR 36 (Gray)**

This resolution recognizes the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers for helping veterans secure their federal and state benefits over the past 70 years.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 199, Statutes of 2015.

**ACR 188 (Melendez)**

This resolution proclaims the month of June 2016 as Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) Awareness Month.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 129, Statutes of 2016.

**AJR 7 (Mathis)**

This bill requests that the Congress of the United States of America further amend the GI Bill of Rights to make benefits available, with all appropriate safeguards, to all veterans for use as startup capital in the establishment of first businesses.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 122, Statutes of 2015.

# AJR 11 (Burke)

This resolution memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to recognize the unique military value of California’s defense installations and the disproportionate sacrifices California endured in previous base realignment and closure (BRAC) rounds.

* Adopted by Legislature -- Res. Chapter 68, Statutes of 2015.

**AJR 20 (Kim)**

This resolution urges the Congress of the United States to support and build a central federal veterans hospital in Orange County to meet the mental health care needs of area veterans.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 92, Statutes of 2016.

**AJR 33 (Bonilla & Thurman)**

This resolution urges the Congress of the United States to publicly exonerate the 50 African American sailors of the United States Navy, who were inappropriately tried for and convicted of mutiny in connection with the Port Chicago Naval Magazine incident (July 1944), and to retroactively convert the general discharge granted to each of those sailors to an honorable discharge.

* Adopted by Legislature -- Res. Chapter 93, Statutes of 2016.

**AJR 37 (Bonta)**

This resolution requests that the Congress of the United States pass specified federal legislation pertaining to Filipino veterans of World War II in recognition of their loyal and selfless duty to the Philippines and to the United States.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 114, Statutes of 2016.

***SENATE MEASURES***

# SB 111 (Fuller)

This bill:

1. Expresses the intent of the Legislature that assistance be provided to school districts in the 2015-16 Fiscal Year to meet the matching share requirement of a school construction grant made by the Office of Economic Adjustment of the federal Department of Defense to construct, renovate, repair, or expand elementary and secondary public schools located on military installations.
2. Requires the Department of Finance to explore options on how best to assist school districts in meeting the matching share requirement of the federal school construction grant. Requires the options to include, but not necessarily be limited to, making low-interest loans available to school districts through the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank.

# Signed by the Governor – Chapter 447, Statutes of 2015.

**SB 112 (Roth)**

This bill establishes the California Veterans’ Bill of Rights, which specifies certain rights for military veterans residing in the State of California.

# Assembly Veterans Affairs – died.

# SB 121 (Fuller)

This bill requires that school construction projects on military installations that are eligible for specified federal grants are given priority for funding under the State School Facility program.

# Senate Education – died. (Held w/o hearing at request of author.)

**SB 127 (Lara)**

This bill requires the California Conservation Corps (corps) to collaborate with the Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) and the Employment Development Department (EDD) to assist any Corps member who is a veteran in obtaining permanent employment after participating in the Corps.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 485, Statutes of 2016.

# SB 130 (Roth)

Requires specified state departments to establish and implement a grant process that will fund supportive services, as defined, for veterans, who reside in housing provided by the State via the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Act.

* Senate Veterans Affairs – died.

# SB 159 (Nielsen)

Clarifies existing law, which requires an awarding department’s goal achievement under the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) program to be reported by overall dollar amount expended each year by the awarding department:

1. Inserts references to two existing provisions of the Military and Veterans Code (MVC) and the Public Contract Code (PCC) that establish and define DVBE goals. (The references clarify that reporting on DVBE participation 3% goal achievement is to be in the same “dollars expended” metric that actually defines the 3% goal.)
2. Contains a legislative finding and declaration that this bill is clarifying and declaratory of existing law.

* Assembly Floor Inactive File – died.

# SB 193 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)

This bill cleans up portions of the Military and Veterans Code by deleting outdated references to federal executive orders and statutes (which the State borrows to define military law for the active state militia), and by adding updated references to federal law.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 533, Statutes of 2015.

# SB 221 (Jackson)

This bill permits state employees, who are military veterans with service-connected disabilities, to receive 96 hours of additional sick leave dedicated to health care treatment of those disabilities. (Enacts the California Wounded Warriors Transitional Leave Act.)

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 794, Statutes of 2015.

# SB 384 (Leyva)

To help meet the specific housing needs of underserved veterans, this bill sets aside a percentage of any state funds being used to acquire, construct, rehabilitate or preserve multifamily housing units for veterans, in general:

1. For all multifamily housing units acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, or preserved on or after January 1, 2016, for the purpose of housing veterans, a percentage of the state funds to be used shall be reserved to provide housing for underserved veterans.
2. Requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to determine the functional definition of “underserved veterans” based on the needs of veterans at the time funding is awarded.
3. Requires CalVet, in consultation with the appropriate local agencies, to determine the percentage of housing funds set aside for underserved veterans.

* Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – died.

# SB 466 (Hill)

This bill requires the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to do several things, including the following pertaining to veterans:

1. Requires the BRN to deny the application for approval made by, and revoke the approval given to, any school of nursing that does not give student applicants credit in the field of nursing for military education and experience by the use of challenge examinations or other methods of evaluation.
2. Requires the BRN to adopt regulations by January 1, 2017, requiring schools to have a process to evaluate and grant credit for military education and experience.
3. Requires the BRN to review a school’s policies and practices regarding granting credit for military education and experience at least once every five years to ensure consistency in evaluation and application across schools. The board shall post on its Internet Web site information related to the acceptance of military coursework and experience at each approved school.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 489, Statutes of 2015

# SB 506 (Fuller)

This bill:

1. Establishes a process for the designation of a local retention authority to serve as the lead local government entity responsible for efforts to retain local military installations;
2. Creates the Military and Aerospace Program under the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to address concerns relating to state and local defense retention, base conversion and base reuse activities; and
3. Establishes the Space Enterprise Development Program within GO-Biz to foster activities that increase the competitiveness of space enterprise in California, including the commercial use of space, space vehicle launches, space launch infrastructure, manufacturing, applied research, technology development, economic diversification, and business development.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

# SB 536 (Roth)

This bill:

1. Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to draw on funds in the Property Acquisition Law Money Account (PAL Account) in order to pay for ongoing costs associated with the marketing and sales of unused National Guard armories.
2. Requires net proceeds from the sale or lease of an armory to be deposited into the Armory Fund.
3. Authorizes the Director of DGS, with the approval of the TAG, to sell seven specific armories. (Listed below under Background.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 355, Statutes of 2015.

**SB 543 (Wolk)**

With regard to the Veterans Home of California system, this bill creates a single system- wide Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund (MWR Fund) that consolidates existing and future MWR moneys generated by individual veterans home campuses, and establishes procedures for and restrictions on the budgeting and spending of moneys in the Fund.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 424, Statutes of 2016.

# SB 689 (Huff)

This bill requires state agencies to prioritize projects under the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Act of 2014 that, for the purposes of providing mental health and drug services, either: 1) accept only residents that are prequalified to receive services from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), or 2) if they accept residents who receive services from agencies other than the VA, employ on staff or contract for a qualified mental health professional with at least two years’ full-time relevant experience providing services to veterans.

* Senate Transportation & Housing – died. (Held w/o hearing at author’s request.)

**SB 866 (Roth)**

This bill authorizes a housing developer or service provider, which provides housing or services under the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014 (VHHP), to provide housing or services to veterans and their children in women-only facilities in limited instances, as specified.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 535, Statutes of 2016.

**SB 980 (Nielsen)**

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to:

1. Adopt statewide policies and procedures, by regulation, for operation of the state veterans home system;
2. Implement a statewide electronic medical records (EMR) system; and

Correct and update outdated terminology and references within the portion of the Military and Veterans Code (MVC) that governs state veterans’ homes.

* Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**SB 1059 (Monning)**

This bill authorizes an institution that obtains and provides evidence to the California State Approving Agency for Veteran's Education (CSAAVE) that it has been "accredited" by the Committee of Bar Examiners (CBE), to receive approval from CSAAVE for participation in Title 38 veteran's education benefits, provided the institution provides disclosures to applicants of the school who are eligible for federal Title 38 awards of the institution's tuition costs, refund policies, class sizes, number of faculty, attrition rates, bar passage data, and employment outcomes of graduates; and, is in compliance with all applicable CSAAVE rules and regulations and is in good standing with the CBE.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 428, Statutes of 2016.

**SB 1155 (Morrell)**

This bill requires, on or after January 1, 2018, every board under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to waive initial license fees for veterans. Specifically, this bill:

1. Requires every board within DCA to grant a fee waiver for the application for and issuance of an initial license to an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant has served as an active duty member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.
2. Specifies that “satisfactory evidence” means a completed “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” (DD Form 214).
3. Requires that a veteran be granted only one fee waiver, except as specified
4. Requires a fee waiver to apply only to an application of and a license issued to an individual veteran and not to an application of or a license issued to an individual veteran on behalf of a business or other entity.
5. Prohibits issuance of a waiver for any of the following:
   1. Renewal of a license.
   2. The application for and issuance of an additional license, a certificate, a registration, or a permit associated with the initial license.
   3. The application for an examination.

* Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**SB 1180 (Jackson)**

Provides school employees who are military veterans with service-connected disabilities paid leaves of absence for illness or injury for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment for those disabilities during their first year of employment.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 728, Statutes of 2016.

**SB 1183 (Bates)**

This bill exempts from property tax the home of any person eligible for the disabled veterans’ exemption, with a $1 million cap in assessed value that would be adjusted annually for inflation, and (2) expand eligibility for the exemption.

* Senate Appropriations Suspense File – died.

**SB 1259 (Runner)**

This bill exempts vehicles registered to a veteran and displaying a specialized veterans license plate, as specified, from payment of a toll or related fines on a toll road, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane, toll bridge, toll highway, a vehicular crossing, or any other toll facility.

* Assembly Veterans Affairs – died. (Held w/o vote at request of author.)

**SB 1455 (Block)**

This bill provides that a student meets residency requirements for school attendance if the student’s parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation that is within the boundaries of the school district.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 312, Statutes of 2016.

**SB 1458 (Bates)**

This bill expands eligibility for the Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Exemption (Disabled Veteran's Exemption) to include a person who has been discharged under the "other than dishonorable conditions" – but who is otherwise eligible for federal veterans' health and medical benefits, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA). This bill also contains technical provisions that allow county assessors to process assessment roll corrections beyond four years related to the Disabled Veteran's Exemption.

* Signed by the Governor – Chapter 871, Statutes of 2016.

**SCR 50 (Nielsen)**

This resolution urges the Governor to proclaim the month of June 2015 as World War II Remembrance Month, and call upon all Californians to observe the 70th anniversary of the end of the war.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 161, Statutes of 2015.

**SCR 128 (Mendoza & Hall)**

This resolution honors the Buffalo Soldiers for changing the face of the United States Armed Forces forever through their record of unique accomplishments.

* Adopted by Legislature – Res. Chapter 70, Statutes of 2016.

**SR 69 (Glazer/Hall/Huff/Mitchell)**

This resolution urges the President and the Congress of the United States to exonerate, clear the records of, restore honor to, and rectify federal military mistreatment of, African-American sailors unjustly convicted of mutiny regarding the 1944 Port Chicago disaster.

* Adopted by Senate.