

CHAPTER 285

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2662]

STATE VETERAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AN ACT Relating to the veterans affairs advisory committee; amending section 14, chapter 115, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.60A.080; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 14, chapter 115, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 43.60A.080 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) There is hereby created a state veterans affairs advisory committee which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the director of the department of veterans affairs. The committee shall be composed of ~~((nine))~~ eleven members to be appointed by the governor, and shall consist of two veterans at large, one of whom shall be a Viet Nam era veteran(~~(;)~~); one representative of the Washington soldiers' home and colony at Orting; one representative of the Washington veterans' home at Retsil; and one representative of each of the following congressionally chartered veterans organizations: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League, and Veterans of World War I. The seven members representing the foregoing organizations shall be chosen from a list of twenty-one nominees consisting of three names submitted to the governor by each of the named organizations. The first members of the committee shall hold office as follows: Three members to serve two years; three members to serve three years; and three members to serve four years. The first members appointed to represent the soldiers' home and colony at Orting and the veterans' home at Retsil shall hold office for four years. Upon expiration of said original terms, subsequent appointments shall be for four years except in the case of a vacancy, in which event appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term for which the vacancy occurs. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

(2) The state advisory committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the ~~((director and the))~~ governor and the director on all matters pertaining to the department of veterans affairs;

(b) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the department and recommend such changes to the governor and the director as they deem advisable.

(3) Members of the state advisory committee shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties but shall receive a per diem allowance and mileage expense according to the provisions of chapter 43.03 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The state veterans affairs advisory committee and its duties shall cease to exist on June 30, 1983, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time.

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