

**List of Bills from the 2012 Session
Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs (JCVMA)**

Bill Number	Sponsor	Bill Title	Brief Description	Status
SSB 5627 (SHB 1615 - Ladenburg)	Hobbs	Concerning service members' civil relief.	Amends the Washington Service Members' Civil Relief Act to apply to National Guard members who are under a call to service authorized by the Governor for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.	Governor Signed
ESB 5969 (HB 2167 - Green)	Kilmer	Concerning the establishment of procedures for the professional licensing of military spouses after relocation to Washington.	Requires each professional licensing board to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of a license, certificate, or permit to perform professional services regulated by each board to a military spouse transferred to Washington that is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services in that state.	Governor Signed
SB 6059	Conway	Establishing the veterans' raffle.	Removes provisions specifying when tickets for the veterans' raffle must go on sale and when the drawing must occur.	Governor Signed
SB 6290 (HB 2524 - Orwall)	Kilmer	Concerning military spouses or registered domestic partners occupational licensing status during deployment or placement outside Washington state.	Allows the spouse or registered domestic partner of a service member to place a license regulated by the Department of Health or the Department of Licensing on inactive status when the service member is deployed or stationed outside of the state.	Governor Signed
SHB 1073 (SSB 5190 - Hobbs)	Kelley	Authorizing persons designated by the decedent to direct disposition, if the decedent died while serving on active duty in any branch of the United States armed forces, United States reserve forces, or national guard.	Provides that a person has the first right to control the disposition of the remains of a service member who dies while in military service if the person is designated by the service member on a specified military form.	Governor Signed

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HB 2138	Ormsby	Establishing National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day	Recognizes National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day as July 27; requires the POW/MIA flag be displayed on this day; and includes the date of the POW/MIA recognition day as the third Friday in September.	Governor Signed
SHB 2181 (SB 6352 - Hobbs)	Dammeier	Extending the age for service in the Washington State Guard	Authorizes the Adjutant General to extend the service age upon request by an active member of the Washington State Guard. The member requesting the extension must satisfactorily complete physical and mental requirements and live in an area where there is a specific military need for State Guard services. Extensions are for a period of one year and may be renewed.	Governor Signed
SHB 2312	Zeiger	Making military service award emblems available for purchase.	Allows a person who has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star Medal, or Bronze Star Medal to apply to the Department of Licensing for a special license plate for use on a motor vehicle. The applicant must be the registered owner of the vehicle displaying the plates, and must provide a copy of the armed forces document showing that the recipient was awarded the applicable medal, or the DD-214 or discharge papers if the applicant is a veteran. <i>Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) is recommending that this bill be amended to include the Distinguished Flying Cross emblem.</i>	Governor Signed
ESHB 2347	Dammeier	Concerning the possession of spring blade knives.	Exempts firefighters and rescuers, Washington State Patrol officers, and military members from certain prohibitions against carrying spring blade knives.	Governor Signed
ESHB 2366	Orwall	Requiring certain health professionals to complete education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.	Requires certain health professionals to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of their continuing education requirements. Requires the Secretary of Health to study evaluating the effect of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management on the ability	Governor Signed

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			of health professionals to identify, treat, and manage patients with suicidal ideation. <i>VLC is recommending that this bill be amended to include awareness training for all health care professions and practitioners.</i>	
SSB 5970	Carrell	Addressing a veteran's preference for the purpose of public employment.	Provides the same preferences in employment, and layoff and re-employment for veterans receiving military retirement as for other veterans. Adds a provision that scoring criteria status may be claimed upon receipt of separation orders issued by the military if the orders indicate an honorable discharge.	Senate GOTRE (7 to 0), Senate Rules
SJM 8003/ HJM 4006	Prentice/ Seaquist	Requesting that Interstate 5 be named the "Purple Heart Trail."	Asks the Washington State Transportation Commission to name Interstate 5 the "Purple Heart Trail." <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	Senate Trans (13 to 0, 2011), Senate Rules/ House Trans (27 to 0, 2011), House Rules
HB 2378	McCune	Allowing for a veteran designation on driver's licenses and identicards.	Allows for drivers' licenses and identicards to include a designation for veteran. In order for a person to have this designation on his or her license or identicard, he or she must provide to the Department of Licensing his or her discharge document. The document must show a discharge status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions." <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	House Trans (25 to 4), House Rules
HB 2161	Bailey	Regarding access to state recreation lands by disabled veterans.	Entitles any person who is provided with a lifetime veteran's disability pass from the State Parks and Recreation Commission to a Discover Pass. A Discover Pass is required for any motor vehicle to be parked or operated on any recreation site or lands. Waives the penalty for failure to have or display a Discover Pass if the individual has a lifetime veteran's disability pass from the State Parks and Recreation Commission, or is eligible for such a pass.	House SGTA (heard only)

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HB 2379	McCune	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for mobility enhancing equipment used by disabled veterans in vehicle adaptations.	Vehicles registered to disabled veterans that contain mobility enhancing equipment are exempt from retail sales tax. Charges for labor and services rendered for repair, cleaning, altering, or improving of mobility enhanced equipment on a vehicle is also exempt from sales tax.	House W&M (referred only)
SB 6164/ HB 1221	Hobbs/Finn	Regarding the rights of certain higher education students involved in military service.	Requires institutions of higher education to provide an opportunity to make up missed exams for reservist students who are called to active duty and training for 30 days or less or are receiving follow-up medical treatment. <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	Senate HEWD (9 to 0), Senate Rules/House HE (14 to 0, 2011), House Floor (93 to 0, 2011), House Floor (80 to 0, 2012), Senate HEWD (9 to 0), House Rules
SSB 6179	Kastama	Concerning the possession and manufacture of equipment for public safety and military personnel.	Allows a law enforcement officer, firefighter or rescue member, WSP officer, or active military member to possess a switchblade knife while on official duty. Allows the manufacture, sale, transportation, distribution, or possession of switchblade knives pursuant to contract with a law enforcement agency, fire or rescue agency, WSP, or military agency.	Senate JUD (8 to 0) Senate Rules
SSB 6452	Haugen	Concerning veterans' assistance levies.	Removes the Veterans' Assistance levy from the county levy and makes it a stand-alone levy.	Senate GOTRE (6 to 0), Senate W&M (21 to 0), Senate Rules
SSB 6457	Rolfes	Concerning preferential hiring of veterans by the marine division of the department of transportation.	Requires Washington State Ferries to expand opportunities to provide for preferential hiring of veterans.	Senate Trans (14 to 0), Senate Rules
SSB 6507/ HB 2719	Hewitt/ Walsh	Establishing the Walla Walla state veterans' home.	Establishes the Walla Walla State Veterans' Home.	Senate GOTRE (6 to 0), Senate

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				W&M (19 to 1), Senate Floor (48 to 1), House SGTA (10 to 0), House CB (11 to 0), Senate Rules/ House SGTA (referred only). Capital Budget provides funding
HB 2287	Goodman	Providing credit towards child support obligations for veterans benefits.	Requires that, when an obligated parent's Veteran's Administration (VA) benefits are apportioned by the VA, the apportioned amounts are applied toward the satisfaction of the parent's child support obligation.	House JUD (11 to 0), House APPH (11 to 0), House Floor (97 to 1), Senate HSC (7 to 0), House Rules
HB 2548	Kelley	Concerning offenses against members of the military and their families.	Makes it an aggravating circumstance if an offender commits an offense against a member of the military or his or her family and the defendant committed the offense knowing the military member was on deployment.	House PSEP (11 to 0), House Rules
SHB 2503	Hansen	Requiring institutions of higher education that offer an early course registration period to provide early registration for eligible veterans and national guard members	Requires certain institutions of higher education to offer early registration to students who are eligible veterans or National Guard members. <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	House HE (15 to 0, 1 w/out rec), House APPE (16 to 2), House Floor (95 to 0), Senate HEWD (9 to 0), House Rules
SB 6288/ HB 2345	Rolfes/ Angel	Creating a higher education registration priority for eligible veterans and national guard members.	Requires all public institutions of higher education to give priority registration to students who are veterans and National Guard members and who served in Afghanistan or Iraq after September 11, 2001. <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	Senate HEWD (referred only)/ House HE (heard only)

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SB 6404/ HB 2547	Hobbs/ Kelley	Authorizing the establishment and use of veterans' courts.	Authorizes counties and municipalities to establish and operate veterans' courts.	Senate JUD (referred only)/ House JUD (referred only)
SB 6467	Hobbs	Making Japanese-Americans interned during World War II eligible for former prisoner of war license plates.	Allows Japanese-Americans interned during World War II, who are registered owners of a motor vehicle, to apply to the department of licensing for former prisoner of war license plates.	Senate Trans (heard only)
SB 6533	Conway	Exempting veterans from fingerprint and background check requirements for real estate broker, managing broker, and firm licensees.	Exempts veterans, who have been honorably discharged, from fingerprint and background check requirements for licensure as a real estate broker, a real estate managing broker, or licensure of a real estate firm.	Senate LCCP (heard only)
SB 6544/ HB 2745	Shin/Haler	Classifying certain military veterans as resident students.	Revises the definition of "resident student" for purposes of college and university fees to include a student who is a military veteran residing in this state at the time of his or her separation from military service, who is honorably discharged. <i>VLC has made this bill a priority for next session.</i>	Senate HEWD (referred only)/ House HE (referred only)
HB 2248	Pearson	Removing the payment of vehicle license fees and taxes from the issuance of gold star license plates.	Requires Gold Star license plates to be issued without payment of any vehicle license fee or excise tax.	House Trans (referred only)
HB 2321	Kelley	Addressing military deployment in sentencing guideline provisions.	Allows higher sentencing for crimes against a member of the military when the defendant commits the crime knowing the military member was on deployment.	House PSEP (referred only)
HB 2649	Springer	Concerning county property tax levies.	Allows the county legislative authority to increase or reduce the Veteran's Assistance and County Mental Health property tax levy in the same proportion as the regular county property tax levy.	House W&M (heard only)

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