

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2022 REGULAR SESSION

ENROLLED

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 698

BY SENATORS WELD, LINDSAY, AND HAMILTON

[Passed March 10, 2022; in effect from passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §9A-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to the number and selection of members for the Governor's Veterans Council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ASSISTANCE.

§9A-1-2. Veterans Council; administration of department.

1 (a) There is continued the Veterans Council consisting of 11 members who must be
2 citizens and residents of this state and who have served in and been honorably discharged or
3 separated under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States, and whose
4 service was within a time of war as defined by the laws of the United States.

5 (b) Where feasible, members of the council shall be veterans who are active in the veteran
6 community and who have been recommended by a West Virginia veterans service organization,
7 with consideration given to ensure a diverse representation of service branches in council
8 membership. Additionally, no more than seven members of the council shall reside in any one
9 congressional district. The members of the veterans council shall be selected with special
10 reference to their ability and fitness to effectuate the purposes of this article. If an eligible veteran
11 is not available or cannot be selected, a veteran who is a citizen and resident of this state, who
12 served in and was honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions from the Armed
13 Forces of the United States, and who served during any time of war or peace, may be selected.

14 (c) The secretary and such officers, assistants, and employees as the secretary considers
15 advisable, shall administer the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, Senate Committee

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Chairman, House Committee

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