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House Bill 5381

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NOTE

By Delegate Cooper

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland
Security then Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section
 2 designated §9A-1-17, relating to creating a poster providing contact information and
 3 resource information on veteran benefits and services; clarifying employers required to
 4 display the poster; and clarifying how to display the poster.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' ASSISTANCE.

§9A-1-17. Posting of information.

1 (a) The West Virginia Division of Labor shall consult with the West Virginia Department of
 2 Veterans' Assistance to create and distribute a veterans' benefits and services poster. The poster,
 3 at a minimum, shall include contact information and a description regarding the following
 4 resources for veterans:

- 5 (1) West Virginia Department of Veterans' Assistance;
- 6 (2) Substance abuse and mental health treatment;
- 7 (3) Education, workforce, and training;
- 8 (4) Tax benefits;
- 9 (5) West Virginia drivers' licenses and identification cards;
- 10 (6) Eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits under state and federal law;
- 11 (7) Legal services; and
- 12 (8) United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Crisis Line.

13 (b) Every employer in the state with more than 50 full-time employees shall display the
 14 poster in a prominent position accessible to employees in the employer's workplace and, if
 15 applicable, in a conspicuous place on their website.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create and display posters with veteran information and resources.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.