

## **2012 Veterans Measures Authored by Assembly Republicans**

### **Assembly Bill 1592 (Olsen)**

#### **Waiving Building Fees for Disabled Veterans**

This bill will allow local jurisdictions the option of waiving building and inspection permit fees for ADA-type modifications to homes owned by veterans with service-related disabilities.

### **Assembly Bill 1652 (Olsen)**

#### **California American Portuguese Veteran Memorial**

This bill will create the California American Portuguese Veterans Memorial in the Veterans Grove of the Capitol State Park. The memorial will be funded exclusively through private donations.

### **Assembly Bill 1807 (Cook)**

#### **Protecting Custody Rights for Veterans**

This bill protects the custody rights of military single parents when they return from deployment.

### **Assembly Bill 1832 (Silva)**

#### **Higher Education Benefits for Veterans**

This bill extends the benefit period of time for priority class registration enrollment for members or former members of the Armed Services who are attending a community college or a state university from 4 years to 15 years. This bill would conform with the federal GI Bill, which has a 15 year term to access its benefits.

### **Assembly Bill 1929 (Gorell – Introduced by Cook)**

#### **Ensuring Votes of Military Personnel Overseas are Counted**

This bill clarifies some definitions and terms within California's election code so the state can receive Federal grant funds for the purposes of implementing a system to allow overseas military to electronically print their ballots and then cast their vote via fax or mail. The delays caused by the current voting system disenfranchises United States citizens who are serving in the military overseas because the current voting process often does not allow ballots to be received by election offices in time to be counted.

### **Assembly Bill 1930 (Gorell – Introduced by Cook)**

#### **State Promotional Exams and Notification of Veterans**

This bill will require the State Personnel Board to send information regarding promotional exams to the Department of Veteran Affairs. By centralizing civil service job information within the VA, they can reduce the headache of directing veterans from one department to another.

### **Assembly Bill 1931 (Gorell – Introduced by Cook)**

#### **One Stop Shop for Veterans Services**

This bill will create a "one-stop shop" for all services available for veterans, including the streamlining of licensure requirements, information related to owning and operating a small business and other resources/services that are available locally and nationwide.

**Assembly Bill 1932 (Gorell – Introduced by Cook)**

Military Training for Health Care Licensure

This bill will require the boards and commissions of state health departments to report to the Department of Veteran Affairs the training obtained in military service that is applicable for licensure of health care jobs.

**Assembly Bill 1936 (Knight)**

Military Leave: Inactive Duty Training

There is discrepancy between California's Government Code and Military and Veterans Code with regards to executive branch employees and inactive duty training. This bill allows an employee under the executive branch who leaves work for inactive duty training, and is granted short-term military leave, to receive his or her salary/compensation for the first 30 days of service so long as specified conditions are met.

**Assembly Bill 1976 (Logue)**

Medical Military Veterans

This bill would fast track military veterans who served as medical professionals into civilian careers by breaking down the barriers for them to obtain licensure in California. It would require state entities that license health professionals to recognize the education, training and practical experience obtained by an applicant who is a military veteran. Also, it would require college programs that are accredited by these entities to recognize the education, training and practical experience obtained by an applicant student who is a military veteran.

**Assembly Bill 2004 (Knight)**

Veteran's Personal Income Tax

This measure would exclude Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) payments from gross income received by an eligible individual.

**Assembly Bill 2130 (Gorell – Introduced by Cook)**

Boots to Badges

This bill would authorize the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to accept the completion of training as a military police officer in the US Armed Forces as an alternative to the satisfactory completion of that introductory course training.

**Assembly Bill 2151 (Halderman)**

Funding for Fresno and Redding Veterans Homes

This bill would appropriate \$26.1 million from the General Fund for the purpose of opening and operating the state Veterans Homes in Fresno and Redding.