



Assemblyman Jeff Gorell

2014 Veterans Legislation

As a Navy Reserve Officer who has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan, Assemblyman Jeff Gorell is very familiar with the military, as well as the unique issues faced by reserve members of our military who have been called up to serve repeatedly during the recent war on terror. Like many others who have had to put their civilian and personal lives on hold to serve our country overseas, Jeff Gorell's first hand experiences have given him the resolve to make sure that when our veterans come home, they will not be forgotten by their country.

Veterans and their families also often find themselves moving around the country from one post to the next, creating challenges with state licensing and education. Assemblyman Gorell has fought for a number of bills that will make it easier for service members, veterans, and their families to enjoy their lives and pursue their livelihood in California. The following bills have been approved by both houses of the California State Legislature, and are currently on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

AB 13 – Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Veterans

The bill requires the California Community Colleges (CCC) and the California State University (CSU), and requests the University of California (UC), to update and adopt policies regarding in-state tuition rates for eligible veterans and their eligible dependents.



AB 186 – Department of Consumer Affairs Licensing

This bill requires applicable licensing entities under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to provide military spouses and domestic partners a 12-month temporary license to practice in California, if they meet specified requirements.

AB 614 – Veterans Homes

This bill provides that a veteran member of a Veterans Home of California and who is in intermediate care or skilled nursing care is not subject to charges and fees if he/she meets specified criteria for disability status and payments by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) under specified federal regulations.

AB 935 – Veterans Drivers Licenses

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to offer a driver’s license or identification card that includes the word “VETERAN” on its face.

AB 1397 – California Veterans Hiring Preference

This bill adds veterans preference to the list of selection devices that the Department of Human Resources (CalHR) must review and examine the validity of, and adds veterans status to the list of specified data collected in order to determine utilization of certain groups.



AB 1509 – Transition Assistance Programs

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a California transition assistance program (CalTAP) for veterans who have been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard of any state as specified.

AB 1821 –Medical Foster Home Pilot Program

This bill establishes the Medical Foster Home (MFH) Pilot Program and authorizes a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility to establish a MFH that is not subject to licensure or regulation as a residential care facility for the elderly, a community care facility, or a residential care facility for persons with chronic, life-threatening illnesses provided that specified federal requirements are satisfied, the VA facility establishing the home agrees to be subject to the jurisdiction of the State Auditor, and the VA obtains criminal background information for caregivers and specified individuals residing in the home.



SB 1226 – Veterans Licensing – Security Officers

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Affairs’ (DCA) boards and bureaus to expedite applications from honorably discharged veterans, and permits a person registered and hired as a proprietary private security officer to submit a verification of military training in lieu of completing a course in security officer skills, as specified.