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Cover Photo- A launch and retrieve team from the 132nd Multirole Bridge Company, 579th Engineer Battalion, 49th Military Police Brigade, California Army National Guard, use a steel guide line to move a ramp and bay over Cache Creek River at Cache Creek Regional Park in Yolo County, California. The platforms are part of a floating bridge the MRBC constructed to help CAL FIRE vehicles and equipment cross the river to battle the 2015 Rocky Fire and most recently the County Fire. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Eddie Siguenza)

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BILLS SENT TO GOVERNOR AND ENACTED RESOLUTIONS:

ASSEMBLY BILLS:

AB 153 (Chávez)

Chapter 576, Statutes of 2017

Military fraud.

Modifies the language of the California Stolen Valor Act to conform to the federal Stolen Valor Act of 2013.

AB 172 (Chávez)

Chapter 165, Statutes of 2017

Public postsecondary education: residency: dependents of armed forces members.

Extends the resident classification for designated dependents of transferred and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United States to those dependents who have been admitted to a public postsecondary institution before the transfer or retirement. Requests the Regents of the University of California to establish the same residency benefits as those established by this bill for students enrolled at the University of California.

AB 242 (Arambula, Patterson)

Chapter 222, Statutes of 2017

Certificates of death: veterans.

Requires a person completing a certificate of death to record whether the decedent was ever in the Armed Forces of the United States. Also requires the State Department of Public Health to access data within the electronic death registration system to compile a report on veteran suicide in California and require the department to annually provide that report to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs, beginning January 1, 2019.

AB 296 (Cervantes)

Vetoed

Task force: health of women veterans.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to create a task force to study the health of California women veterans. Requires the task force to study the health care needs of women veterans in the state, as specified. Also requires the task force to submit two reports to the Governor and the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature that includes the task force's findings and recommendations. Requires the task force, when conducting its study and preparing its reports, to consult with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the State Department of Public Health, the Department of Managed Health Care, and representatives of county veterans service offices.

AB 363 (Quirk-Silva)**Chapter 579, Statutes of 2017**

Driver's licenses: veteran designation.

Prohibits a fee from being charged for the word "VETERAN" to be printed on the face of the driver's license or identification card if made by either a person who has been determined to have a current income level that meets the eligibility requirements for specified assistance programs, or a person who can verify his or her status as a homeless person, in accordance with specified provisions.

AB 376 (Chávez)**Chapter 188, Statutes of 2017**

Veterans benefits: veteran farmers or ranchers.

Requires the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the California Department of Veterans Affairs, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Farm Service Agency, and other federal agencies as needed, to identify and post specified information to assist veterans in entering farming or ranching careers.

AB 431 (Bigelow)**Vetoed**

Armories: homeless shelter.

Deletes the list of armories to be made available and instead require the Adjutant General, upon request by a county or city, to make state-owned armories available for the purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless persons for the above-described time period, unless the requested armory is not available due to operational requirements, in which case the bill would require, if practicable, the Adjutant General to provide an alternative state-owned armory for this use.

AB 671 (Chávez)**Chapter 197, Statutes of 2017**

Veterans: services.

Authorizes a veterans memorial district to provide funding to providers of supportive services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families, including, but not limited to, counseling, case management, and employment training and placement, as provided.

AB 998 (Grayson)**Chapter 802, Statutes of 2018**

Multidisciplinary teams: human trafficking and domestic violence.

Authorizes a city, county, city and county, or community-based nonprofit organization to establish a domestic violence multidisciplinary personnel team and a human trafficking multidisciplinary personnel team consisting of two or more persons who are trained in the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of domestic violence or human trafficking cases and who are qualified to provide a broad range of services related to domestic violence or human trafficking.

~Original Bill Language~

Veterans homes: Internet Web site.

Requires the Department of Veterans to create an admissions page on its Internet Web site that incorporates an online application option for veterans seeking admission to a home, a user-friendly wait list, contact information for an applicant to ask for assistance regarding the application process, and information on the number of veterans currently on the wait list for each level of care at each home.

AB 1057 (Weber)**Chapter 147, Statutes of 2017**

Armories: sales: San Diego Armory.

Requires the Director of General Services, with the approval of the Adjutant General, to offer an option to purchase a portion of the Military Department's San Diego Armory, as specified, to the San Diego Center for Children, a nonprofit organization. If the Department of General Services and the San Diego Center for Children do not reach and complete an agreement, as specified, this bill would authorize the sale of the armory pursuant to the above-referenced procedures.

AB 1249 (Gray)**Vetoed**

Property taxation: exemptions: veterans' organizations.

Provides that the veterans' organization exemption from taxation shall not be denied to a property on the basis that the property is used for fraternal, lodge, or social club purposes, and would make specific findings and declarations in that regard. Also provides that the exemption shall not apply to any portion of a property that consists of a bar where alcoholic beverages are served.

AB 1361 (Eduardo Garcia)**Chapter 449, Statutes of 2017**

Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.

Authorizes a municipal water district, until January 1, 2023, to apply to a local agency formation commission to extend water service to Indian lands and prohibits the LAFCO from denying the application.

AB 1365 (Reyes)**Chapter 509, Statutes of 2017**

Veterans homes: planning strategy.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, on or before February 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, to submit to the Legislature and post on its Internet Web site a specified financial report of the veterans homes located in Barstow, Chula Vista, Fresno, Lancaster, Redding, Ventura, West Los Angeles, and Yountville. Further requires the department to review the use of a veterans home, using specified factors, no later than 5 years before the expiration of a specified use restriction imposed by federal law to determine the best continued, unrestricted use of the veterans home. Also requires the department, every 5 years after the date of the expiration of the use restriction, to review the veterans home, using specified factors, to determine its best continued use.

AB 1403 (Obernolte)**Chapter 797, Statutes of 2017**

Military and overseas voters.

Permits a military or overseas voter to apply in person to the voter's elections official for permission to register after the closing date of registration if the military or overseas voter is required to move under official active duty military orders after the closing date of registration. Requires an elector who seeks permission to register pursuant to this bill to furnish a copy of his or her official military orders in order to be registered.

AB 1618 (Cervantes)**Chapter 416, Statutes of 2017**

Veteran service provider.

Creates a certification for charitable entities that serve veterans, certifying that the entity meets certain minimum standards and the entity is thus a "Certified California Veteran Service Provider" (VSP). Also creates a competitive grant program under CalVet to provide grants to VSPs.

AB 1709 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 304, Statutes of 2017***Armories: sales: local agencies.*

Amends the current armory sale process to require that an armory be offered for sale to a local agency, defined as every city, whether organized under general law or by charter, county, city and county, and district, including school districts of any kind or class, empowered to acquire and hold real property, prior to being offered for sale to private entities or individuals.

AB 1710 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 591, Statutes of 2017***Prohibited discrimination against service members.*

Conforms state law to the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by protecting service members from hostile work environments in their civilian jobs.

AB 1711 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 92, Statutes of 2017***State military reserve personnel: leave benefits.*

Provides that a member of the State Military Reserve be granted military leave and other specified benefits on the same basis as a member of the National Guard or other military reserve member.

AB 1873 (Obernolte)**Vetoed***Driver's licenses: veteran designation.*

Removes the one-time \$5 fee to a person applying for a driver's license or identification card with a veteran designation. According to the Governor's veto message for this and four other bills, "The programming required to implement these bills will delay the department's ability to fully modernize its aging information technology systems. While these bills may have merit, it would be prudent for the Legislature to pause on additional mandates while the department works to complete programming for prior legislative mandates and system upgrades designed to reduce transaction times and improve customer service."

AB 1908 (Chávez)**Chapter 183, Statutes of 2018***Memorial districts.*

Authorizes a veterans memorial district to provide funding to providers of supportive services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families, including, but not limited to, counseling, case management, and employment training and placement, as provided.

AB 2439 (Eduardo Garcia)**Chapter 172, Statutes of 2018***Official state LGBTQ Veterans Memorial.*

Recognizes the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial at the Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City as the official state LGBTQ veterans memorial.

AB 2521 (Quirk-Silva)**Chapter 79, Statutes of 2018***Reservists: active duty: deferment of financial obligations.*

Deletes the requirement to provide a signed letter, under penalty of perjury, requesting a deferment of financial obligations to the obligor, in order for the obligation or liability to be subject to the provisions of the act. Instead requires the reservist or his or her designee to deliver a written request by the reservist for a deferment of financial obligations to the obligor.

AB 2722 (Medina)**Chapter 547, Statutes of 2018**

Student financial aid: California Military Department GI Bill Award Program.

Redesignates the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program as the California Military Department GI Bill Award Program.

AB 2790 (Irwin)**Vetoed**

Veterans: Internal Audits for Veterans Affairs.

Creates the office of Internal Audits for Veterans Affairs within the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

AB 2870 (Eggman)**Chapter 84, Statutes of 2018**

Military: National Guard: youth challenge program: counselors.

Allows for the appointment of a current member of the State Military Reserve who possesses a bachelor's degree in psychology or social work to serve as a counselor within the National Guard Youth ChalleNge Program.

AB 2949 (Gloria)**Chapter 327, Statutes of 2018**

Korean American veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

Requires local educational agencies to allow a pupil who is a child of a military family to continue attending his or her school of origin, or a school within the school district of origin, regardless of any change of residence of the military family or the end of military service of the pupil's parent.

AB 3212 (Irwin)**Chapter 555, Statutes of 2018**

Service member protections.

Strengthens existing consumer protections for members of the National Guard and reserve who are called to active duty, and extends those protections to active duty service members.

AB 3251 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 726, Statutes of 2018**

Service member protections.

Authorizes the Director of General Services, with the approval of the Adjutant General, to sell specified armories throughout the state subject to these provisions, including the deposit of the sale proceeds into the Armory Fund. Requires the Sylmar Armory to be offered to a specific joint powers authority in the same manner as any city, county, city and county, and district prior to being offered for sale to private entities or individuals.

ACR 112 (Choi)**Chapter 92, Statutes of 2017**

Korean American veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

Commends Korean American veterans of the Vietnam conflict for their service to the United States.

ACR 114 (Bloom)**Chapter 149, Statutes of 2017**

World War I Commemoration.

Proclaims support for the mission of the California World War One Centennial Task Force, by designating the time period between August 5, 2017, and November 11, 2018, inclusive, to be observed as the commemoration period of the 100th anniversary of the United States' involvement in World War I.

ACR 151 (Voepel)**Chapter 120, Statutes of 2018**

Gubernatorial appointments: military service.

Requests that the Governor consider nominating individuals with military background to ensure military representation through appointments to appropriate state boards, councils, and commissions.

SENATE BILLS**SB 156 (Anderson)****Chapter 497, Statutes of 2017**

Military and veterans: transition assistance: citizenship.

Requires the transition assistance program for veterans to provide information to noncitizens who are leaving military service in California or who have already been discharged from military service in California on how to become citizens, including information on where to acquire state legal assistance.

SB 330 (Berryhill)**Chapter 281, Statutes of 2017**

Building permit fees: waiver.

Authorizes each city, county, or city and county to waive or reduce all building permit fees for improvements to the home of a veteran with a qualifying disability that are made to accommodate that disability.

SB 339 (Roth)**Chapter 595, Statutes of 2017**

Veterans treatment courts: Judicial Council assessment and survey.

Requires the Judicial Council, if certain funding is provided, to report to the Legislature, on or before June 1, 2020, on a study of veterans and veterans treatment courts that includes a statewide assessment of veterans treatment courts currently in operation and a survey of counties that do not operate veterans treatment courts that identifies barriers to program implementation and assesses the need for veterans treatment courts in those counties.

SB 410 (Nguyen)**Chapter 237, Statutes of 2017**

Civil service: veterans' hiring preference: active duty members.

Authorizes the Department of Human Resources or the designated appointing authority, in order to facilitate a request for veterans' preference from a currently serving active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, to use a signed document by the applicant's commanding officer of the military to verify that applicant's military service. Requires the department or designated authority, before the applicant enters state service with the benefit of veterans' preference, to otherwise require the same proof of eligibility for veterans' preference generally used.

SB 455 (Newman)**Chapter 239, Statutes of 2017**

Pupil enrollment: military dependents.

Amends the residency requirements for dependents of active-duty military personnel, by specifying that dependents of military personnel meet the residency requirement for attending a school, if the parent is transferred or pending transfer to any military installation in California.

SB 626 (Dodd)**Chapter 465, Statutes of 2017**

Tribal gaming: compact ratification.

Ratifies the amendment to the Compact between the State of California and the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria executed on August 18, 2017 and provides that in deference to tribal sovereignty, certain actions are not deemed projects for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act. Also stipulates, except as expressly provided, that none of the provisions shall be construed to exempt a city, county, or city, and county, or the Department of Transportation, or any state agency or local jurisdictions, from CEQA requirements.

SB 728 (Newman, Jackson)**Chapter 596, Statutes of 2017**

State public employees: sick leave: veterans with service-related disabilities.

Grants a state officer or employee who serves as a member of the National Guard or federal military reserve force who is called up to active service and as a result sustains a service-connected disability rated at 30% or more by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs an additional credit for sick leave with pay of up to 96 hours for the purpose of undergoing medical treatment, including mental health treatment, for his or her service-connected disability. Requires that the sick leave be credited to a qualifying officer or employee on the effective date of the employee's disability rating decision from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or on the first day that the qualifying employee begins, or returns to, employment after active duty, whichever is later, and remain available for use for the following 12 months of employment.

SB 731 (Newman, Jackson)**Chapter 597, Statutes of 2017**

Public school employees: former or current members of the Armed Forces of the United States or California National Guard: leave of absence for illness or injury.

Grants to current classified and certificated school employees – who are former active duty members of the United States Armed Forces or who are former or current members of the National Guard or a federal military reserve component, and who have a qualifying service-connected disability – additional, pre-banked paid leave to undergo medical treatment for their service-connected disabilities.

SB 747 (Newman)**Chapter 221, Statutes of 2017**

State military: officer commissions.

Repeals the requirement that commissioned officers of the California National Guard (CNG) must reside within California in order to retain their state military commissions, and generally authorizes CNG officers to transfer to other reserve organizations after they make permanent changes of address outside of California.

SB 776 (Newman)**Chapter 599, Statutes of 2017**

Corrections: veterans' benefits.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to assign employees to state prisons to assist incarcerated veterans in applying for and receiving federal benefits for which they may be eligible.

SB 1137 (Vidak)**Chapter 414, Statutes of 2018**

Veterans: professional licensing benefits.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Consumer Affairs to, in consultation with each other, take appropriate steps to increase awareness regarding professional licensing benefits available to veterans and their spouses.

SB 1304 (Roth)**Chapter 419, Statutes of 2018**

Veterans: transitional assistance program: funding.

Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to accept donations of personal property, including cash or other gifts, to be used to further the purposes of the transition assistance program. Creates the CalTap Endowment Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of receiving cash donations, and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund for the purpose of funding competitive grants in support of the transition assistance program.

SB 1312 (Jackson)**Chapter 516, Statutes of 2018**

State public employees: sick leave: veterans with service-related disabilities.

Provides all disabled veterans in state service, regardless of date of hire, with additional sick leave to use in the medical treatment of their service-related disability.

SB 1435 (Dodd)**Chapter 421, Statutes of 2018**

State military: officer commissions.

Updates language in one section of the Military and Veterans code, specifying the conditions under which a voluntary resignation of a commission in the National Guard may be rejected, in order to conform it to updated language in another section, which was updated in 2017.

SB 1500 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 117, Statutes of 2018**

Prohibited discrimination against service members.

Updates sections of existing law which protect military service members from discrimination in specified areas to ensure that service members of all federal service branches and all components are protected.

SB 1501 (Committee on Veterans Affairs)**Chapter 118, Statutes of 2018**

Military and veterans: enlisted persons.

Makes technical amendments to modify references throughout the code to “enlisted man or woman” or “enlisted men or women” to instead refer to “enlisted person” or “enlisted persons.”.

SCR 98 (Nguyen)**Chapter 56, Statutes of 2018**

Armed Forces of the United States: active duty and retired military personnel.

Makes various findings about the character, accomplishments and demographics of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and declares that the men and women who choose to join the United States Armed Forces should be encouraged and commended.

SJR 26 (Dodd)**Chapter 109, Statutes of 2018**

Mare Island Naval Cemetery.

Urges the United States Congress to act favorably in regard to legislation to have the Mare Island Naval Cemetery transferred to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and that the National Cemetery Administration restore the cemetery to national cemetery standards and provide for perpetual care of the facility as dictated by those standards.

BILLS IN LEGISLATURE:

The following bills, if enacted would do the following:

ASSEMBLY BILLS:

AB 70 (Allen)

California National Guard: improper payments.

Requires the Military Department, upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to assume sole financial liability for any required payment to the federal government of an enlistment bonus, student loan repayment, or any other incentive payments improperly authorized by the California National Guard between January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2010, including any interest charges or other associated fees. Also requires the department upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to repay to any member of the California National Guard who has repaid to the federal government any of these improperly authorized payments the amount the member has repaid, including any interest charges or other associated fees.

Referred to Assembly Com. on V.A. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 85 (Rodriguez)

General assistance: employable veterans.

Enacts the “General Assistance ‘Thank You for Your Service’ Act of 2017.” Requires counties to exclude an eligible employable veteran from the existing prohibition against receiving general assistance/general relief (GA/GR) for more than three months in any 12-month period. Also allows a county to opt out of the extended eligibility period for GA to eligible veterans by enacting an ordinance, by July 1, 2018, stating that an eligible veteran is subject to the three-month limitation.

Referred to Senate Com. on V.A. In committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken.

AB 349 (McCarty)

Civil service: preference: special immigrant visa holder.

Requires a person who assisted the United States military and was issued a specified special immigrant visa and who achieves a passing score on an entrance examination to be ranked in the top of the resulting eligibility list unless a veteran, widow, or widower of a veteran, or the spouse of a 100% disabled veteran is in the top rank, in which case, the special immigrant visa holder shall be ranked in the next highest rank.

Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Senate Com. on JUD. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

AB 353 (Voepel)

Employment policy: voluntary veterans’ preference.

Enacts the Voluntary Veterans’ Preference Employment Policy Act and authorizes a private employer to establish a veterans’ preference employment policy.

Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD. In committee: Set, first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.

AB 513 (Voepel)

Uniform and travel costs.

Increases the amount of a combined uniform and travel allowance to be paid to each volunteer member of the State Military Reserve or Naval Militia on or before the last day of the month following the volunteer member's completion of one year of satisfactory service, and annually thereafter following the completion of any subsequent full year of satisfactory service.

Referred to Assembly Com. on V.A. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

AB 737 (Baker, Melendez)

California Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Provides for the establishment of an "In Memory" plaque to be affixed to the Memorial to collectively honor those Vietnam veterans who died as a result of subsequent illness or injury, including physical or mental injury, as specified, that can reasonably be presumed to have resulted from military service during the Vietnam War but who would not be eligible under the new criteria for individual listing on the Memorial. Revises the eligibility criteria for the name of a deceased Vietnam veteran to be listed on the memorial or in the database requiring the deceased veteran to have been born or raised in, or a resident of, California.

Referred to Assembly Com. on V.A. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on V.A. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. On V.A. In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of the author.

AB 897 (Travis Allen)

Military identification.

Requires the Military Department to provide members of the state Military Reserve who honorably serve 10 years or more with a retired identification card that is suitable to assist access to state and local benefits that the retired member may be entitled to, as specified.

Referred to Assembly Com. on V.A. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author. In committee: Set, second hearing. Testimony taken.

AB 998 (Grayson)

Veterans homes: internet Web site.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs on or before January 1, 2019, to create an admissions page on its Internet Web site that incorporates an online application option for veterans seeking admission to a home, a user-friendly wait list, contact information for an applicant to ask for assistance regarding the application process, and information on the number of veterans currently on the wait list for each level of care at each home.

Referred to Senate Com. on V.A.

AB 1275 (Irwin)

Department of Veterans Affairs: monitoring outcomes for veterans: Director of Employment Development: disclosure of information.

Requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs to develop outcome and related indicators for veterans to help assess the status of veterans and veteran services in order to improve services.

In Senate Com. on Appropriations: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

In committee: Referred to APPR. Suspense file. In committee: Held under submission.

AB 1477 (Brough)

Veterans' preferences: voluntary policy.

Enacts the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans' preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly to hiring decisions, to give a voluntary preference for hiring or retaining a veteran over another qualified applicant or employee.

Referred to Committees on V.A. and L. & E. Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution. From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

AB 1883 (Weber)

Child care and development services.

Excludes the basic allowance for housing for certain military households from being counted as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for subsidized child care and change certain requirements related to the administration of alternative payment programs.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations. In committee: Referred to APPR. Suspense file. In committee: Held under submission.

AB 2607 (Berman)

Veterans: Medical Foster Home Pilot Program.

Re-establishes the Medical Foster Home Pilot Program, under substantially similar requirements as a pilot program established under previous legislation, which has since expired. States the intent of the Legislature that the California State Auditor, through a request to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, conduct an audit evaluating the pilot program created by this bill no sooner than January 1, 2020.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations. In committee: Referred to APPR. Suspense file. In committee: Held under submission.

AB 3209 (Frazier)

Property tax: exemption: principal residence: disabled veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.

Exempts from property tax the personal residence of a totally disabled veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations. In committee: Referred to APPR. Suspense file. In committee: Held under submission.

SENATE BILLS:

SB 409 (Nguyen)

Veterans' homes: services: complex mental and behavioral health needs.

Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a survey to assess the ability of veterans' homes to assist veterans with complex mental and behavioral health needs, and develop a plan to accommodate that population, as prescribed. Requires the Department to submit the plan and any recommendations for future legislation necessary to achieve its objectives to the Legislature by January 1, 2019.

Referred to Assembly Com. on APPR. In committee: Placed on APPR. suspense file. Held in committee and under submission.

SB 485 (Nielsen, Newman)

Veterans' homes.

Requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt statewide policies and procedures, by regulation, for operation of the state veterans home system; implement a statewide electronic health records system; and correct and update outdated terminology and references within the portion of the Military and Veterans Code that governs state veterans' homes.

Referred to Assembly Committee on V.A. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on V.A. Set for first hearing canceled at the request of the author.

SB 694 (Newman)

California Community Colleges: Veteran Resource Centers.

Requires the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to ensure that each of its campuses provides a dedicated on-campus Veteran Resource Center that offers services to help student veterans transition successfully from military life to educational success through the core components of academics, wellness, and camaraderie and would require those Veteran Resource Centers, at a minimum, to be open for 25 hours a week, be staffed by veterans whenever possible, be 400 square feet and fully accessible, and provide enrolled student veterans with specified.

Referred to Assembly Coms. On V.A. and HIGHER ED. Set for first hearing canceled at the request of the author.

SB 924 (Morrell)

Personal income taxes: exclusion: National Guard.

Exempts all income received by a member of the active militia from state income tax when that income is derived from Emergency State Active Duty status.

Referred to Assembly Com. on APPR. In committee: Placed on APPR. suspense file. Held in committee and under submission.

SB 1043 (Newman)

Department of Veterans Affairs; veterans' services.

Appropriates on an annual basis the sum of \$7,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs to be available for allocation to counties to fund the activities of county veterans service officers.

In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. Referred to Assembly Coms. On V.A.

SB 1314 (Nguyen)

Veterans' homes: services: complex mental and behavioral health needs.

Requires the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) to develop and adopt a plan, as specified, for the state veterans' homes to assist veterans with complex mental and behavioral health needs.

Referred to Assembly Com. on APPR. In committee: Placed on APPR. suspense file. Held in committee and under submission.