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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Veterans and Military
From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 6, 2025
Subject: HB 2214 - Enacting the safeguarding American veteran empowerment (SAVE) act to limit compensation for assisting in veterans benefits matters.

HB 2214, as introduced, would enact the safeguarding American veteran empowerment (SAVE) act to limit compensation for assisting in veterans benefits matters.

Subsection (a) provides definitions for the terms used throughout the bill.

Subsection (b) (1) states that no person shall receive compensation for referring any veteran to another person for advice or assistance with such veteran's benefits matter or services rendered for a claim filed within the one-year presumptive period of active-duty release. The subsection further provides for an exception should the veteran choose to sign a waiver that they are choosing to deny the free services available to such veteran.

Subsection (b) (2) requires that a person seeking compensation for assisting with a veterans benefits matter shall memorialize specific terms of the service that specifies the amount to be paid and signed by both parties.

Subsection (b) (4) states that no person shall guarantee a successful outcome or that any person is certain to receive specific veterans benefits.

Subsection (b) (5) requires a specific disclosure, which is written in the language of the bill, at the outset of the business relationship.

Subsection (b) (6) prohibits the use of call centers or data centers to process a veterans personal information and the use of a veteran's person log in, username or password. Subsection (b) (6) also requires that any person with access to veterans' medical or financial information shall go through a criminal history record check prior to having access to such information.

Subsection (c) provides for the penalties that would be incurred should the act be violated.

HB 2214 would take effect after its publication in the statute book.