

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2692

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to disclosures for veterans' benefits
2 and entitlements.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), the following
6 notice shall be provided both orally and in writing to any veteran prior to
7 entering into any transaction: "Kansas law provides that veterans are not
8 required to apply for any benefits or entitlements through a particular
9 agent or company. Veterans may request assistance in applying for benefits
10 from a veteran service officer accredited by the U.S. department of ~~veteran~~
11 **veterans** affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office."

12 (2) Upon entering into any transaction, a veteran shall sign a written
13 notice stating the following: "I understand that entering into this
14 transaction does not guarantee acceptance for veterans' benefits and may
15 delay or make me ineligible for certain veterans' and other federal
16 benefits."

17 (3) The notices required by this subsection shall be:

18 (A) In the same type size and font as any other primary information
19 contained in the transaction documents; and

20 (B) disseminated at the beginning of any transaction and at the
21 beginning of any event, presentation, seminar, workshop or other similar
22 public gathering regarding veterans' benefits or entitlements.

23 (b) The notice required by subsection (a)(1) **and (a)(2)** shall not be
24 required for:

25 (1) Any person to whom the United States department of veterans
26 affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office has granted
27 written permission for such person to use its name, symbol or insignia in
28 such person's informational or transactional materials; ~~or~~

29 (2) use as part of an accredited continuing legal education course; **or**

30 **(3) any institution accredited by the United States department of**
31 **veterans affairs to represent or assist claimants for benefits.**

32 (c) As used in this section:

33 (1) "Person" means an individual, public or private corporation,
34 partnership or unincorporated association;

35 (2) "transaction" means a purchase, sale, lease, assignment,
36 disposition for value of property or services or agreement to receive

1 services by a veteran with a person advertising, holding, sponsoring,
2 speaking or advertising services related to veterans' benefits and
3 entitlements; and

4 (3) "veteran" means a person who has been separated from the armed
5 forces and was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under
6 honorable conditions.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.