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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2833

As Recommended by House Committee on
Veterans and Military

Brief*

HB 2833 would modify the definitions of “veteran” and “disabled veteran” to create a common definition for both terms throughout statutes. The bill would also clarify the disability evaluation percentages required for certain benefits available to disabled veterans.

Definitions

The bill would modify the definitions of the following terms:

- “Disabled veteran” would mean a person who:
 - Served in active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable;
 - Received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval, air, or space service; and
 - Has a service-connected disability evaluation percentage equal to or greater than a percent specified in the various statutes [*Note: A percentage specified in current law would be unchanged. The bill would update statutes regarding preference for disabled veteran*]

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business without a percentage to specify a 10 percent evaluation percentage.];

- “Veteran” would mean a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; and
- “Member of the armed forces” would mean a person who performs active service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or any component of the military reserves of the United States.

Documentation Required for Benefits

The bill would update the documentation veterans must provide to receive certain benefits. Such updated documentation includes a veteran’s DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service, Departments of the Army and the Air Force, National Guard Bureau), or equivalent document showing the character of service as honorable or general, under honorable conditions, at discharge.

Technical Amendments

The bill would make technical amendments to various statutes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation at the request of Representative Ellis. [Note: The bill is identical to 2024 House Bill 2759 (HB 2759), as amended by the House Committee on Veterans and Military. HB 2759

was stricken from the House Calendar on February 23, 2024, by Rule 1507.]

House Committee on Veterans and Military

In the House Committee hearing on March 14, 2024, Representative Johnson and a representative of the Military Officers Association of America provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents generally stated the bill would conform Kansas statutes to federal code when defining “veteran” and “disabled veteran.”

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office and Kansas Department of Revenue state that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on either agency.

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