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152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FORMERLY
HOUSE BILL NO. 218

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 8720, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 8720. Delaware Commission of Veterans' Affairs — Established; composition; powers.

(b) The Commission shall be composed of 15 Commissioners all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years, and shall be veterans who are residents of the State of Delaware and citizens of the United States.

(1) Ten Commissioners shall be representatives of statewide veteran organizations that are chartered by Congress or authorized under federal law. Where a Commissioner represents a veteran organization, that organization must, within 60 days prior to the expiration of a Commissioner's term or within 30 days following a vacancy, submit to the Office of the Governor a letter of recommendation which shall include at least 3 nominees and their application packet. Commissioners who are appointed to represent a statewide veterans organization shall, during the course of their term remain members in good standing of the nominating organization. The following veteran organizations shall be represented on the Commission:

- a. American Legion.
- b. American Veterans.
- c. Air Force Sergeants Associations.
- d. Disabled American Veterans.
- e. ~~Korean War Veterans~~ Veterans or National Association of Black Veterans. Until such time as any current Korean War Veterans representative serving as Commissioner as of [the effective date of this Act] has completed a current full term or otherwise resigned the commission, that Commissioner shall retain the appointment and seat on the Commission. At the completion of that term or upon resignation of the Commission, the Korean War Veteran Commissioner seat shall be filled by a representative of the National Association of Black Veterans.
- f. Marine Corps League.
- g. Military Officers Association of America.
- h. Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- i. Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- j. Vietnam Veterans of America.

(2) Five Commissioners shall be at-large Commissioners, who may also be a member of any veteran organization or may be a veteran who has applied directly to the Office of the Governor.

(c) For purposes of this section, a “veteran” is any person who has served ~~honorably~~ on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard or the ~~reserves-reserves~~, and who was discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

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