



98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1062

by Rep. Charles E. Jefferson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/40 new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Creates the Illinois Disabled Service Member Task Force within the Department of Veterans Affairs to investigate the feasibility of establishing (1) a uniform, State-wide standard, specific to veterans, for determining the qualifications for who may be considered disabled and (2) a means by which State agencies that provide services and benefits to disabled persons and that have varied standards for qualifying as a disabled person may use the uniform, State-wide standard in providing services and benefits to disabled veterans. Sets forth provisions concerning Task Force members, reimbursement, and reporting of the Task Force's findings. Repeals the provision concerning the Task Force on February 1, 2014.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning military service.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 40 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/40 new)

7 Sec. 40. Illinois Disabled Service Member Task Force. The
8 Illinois Disabled Service Member Task Force is hereby created
9 within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Task Force
10 shall investigate the feasibility of establishing (1) a
11 uniform, State-wide standard, specific to veterans, for
12 determining the qualifications for who may be considered
13 disabled and (2) a means by which State agencies that provide
14 services and benefits to disabled persons and that have varied
15 standards for qualifying as a disabled person may use the
16 uniform, State-wide standard in providing services and
17 benefits to disabled veterans. The Task Force shall be
18 comprised of not more than 10 members and shall include the
19 following:

20 (a) one representative of the Department of Veterans'
21 Affairs, who shall chair the task force;

22 (b) one veteran appointed by the Director of Veterans'
23 Affairs; and

1 (c) four members of the General Assembly, appointed one
2 each by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of
3 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
4 and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

5 Task Force members shall serve without compensation, but
6 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performing
7 duties associated with the Task Force. By January 1, 2014, the
8 Task Force shall present a report of its findings to the
9 General Assembly. This Section is repealed on February 1, 2014.