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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6123

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 6123 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Military Code of Illinois is amended by
5 adding Section 93.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1805/93.1 new)

7 Sec. 93.1. Pre-deployment and post-deployment testing. All
8 members of the Illinois National Guard shall undergo
9 pre-deployment and post-deployment testing for depleted
10 uranium. The Department shall cover the costs associated with
11 such testing. If a federal law requiring pre-deployment and
12 post-deployment testing for depleted uranium for members of the
13 National Guard takes effect, then this Section 93.1 shall be
14 inoperative on and after the effective date of that federal
15 law.

1 Section 10. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
2 amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

3 (20 ILCS 2805/2) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 67)

4 Sec. 2. Powers and duties. The Department shall have the
5 following powers and duties:

6 To perform such acts at the request of any veteran, or his
7 or her spouse, surviving spouse or dependents as shall be
8 reasonably necessary or reasonably incident to obtaining or
9 endeavoring to obtain for the requester any advantage, benefit
10 or emolument accruing or due to such person under any law of
11 the United States, the State of Illinois or any other state or
12 governmental agency by reason of the service of such veteran,
13 and in pursuance thereof shall:

14 (1) Contact veterans, their survivors and dependents
15 and advise them of the benefits of state and federal laws
16 and assist them in obtaining such benefits;

17 (2) Establish field offices and direct the activities
18 of the personnel assigned to such offices;

19 (3) Create and maintain a volunteer field force; the
20 volunteer field force may include representatives from the
21 following without limitation: educational institutions,
22 labor organizations, veterans organizations, employers,
23 churches, and farm organizations; the volunteer field
24 force may not process federal veterans assistance claims;

25 (4) Conduct informational and training services;

1 (5) Conduct educational programs through newspapers,
2 periodicals, social media, television, and radio for the
3 specific purpose of disseminating information affecting
4 veterans and their dependents;

5 (6) Coordinate the services and activities of all state
6 departments having services and resources affecting
7 veterans and their dependents;

8 (7) Encourage and assist in the coordination of
9 agencies within counties giving service to veterans and
10 their dependents;

11 (8) Cooperate with veterans organizations and other
12 governmental agencies;

13 (9) Make, alter, amend and promulgate reasonable rules
14 and procedures for the administration of this Act;

15 (10) Make and publish annual reports to the Governor
16 regarding the administration and general operation of the
17 Department;

18 (11) (Blank); ~~and~~

19 (12) (Blank); and ~~-~~

20 (13) Provide non-monetary assistance to any resident
21 of Illinois who served on active duty in Afghanistan, Iraq,
22 Kuwait, or Qatar with any component of the U.S. Armed
23 Forces, including the Illinois National Guard, who
24 requests a pre-deployment or post-deployment test for
25 depleted uranium in accessing federal resources for
26 pre-deployment and post-deployment testing for depleted

1 uranium; if a federal law requiring pre-deployment and
2 post-deployment testing for depleted uranium for past and
3 present members of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces
4 takes effect, then this paragraph (13) shall be inoperative
5 on and after the effective date of that federal law.

6 The Department may accept and hold on behalf of the State,
7 if for the public interest, a grant, gift, devise or bequest of
8 money or property to the Department made for the general
9 benefit of Illinois veterans, including the conduct of
10 informational and training services by the Department and other
11 authorized purposes of the Department. The Department shall
12 cause each grant, gift, devise or bequest to be kept as a
13 distinct fund and shall invest such funds in the manner
14 provided by the Public Funds Investment Act, as now or
15 hereafter amended, and shall make such reports as may be
16 required by the Comptroller concerning what funds are so held
17 and the manner in which such funds are invested. The Department
18 may make grants from these funds for the general benefit of
19 Illinois veterans. Grants from these funds, except for the
20 funds established under Sections 2.01a and 2.03, shall be
21 subject to appropriation.

22 The Department has the power to make grants, from funds
23 appropriated from the Korean War Veterans National Museum and
24 Library Fund, to private organizations for the benefit of the
25 Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library.

26 The Department has the power to make grants, from funds

1 appropriated from the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, for
2 benefits authorized under the Survivors Compensation Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 99-314, eff. 8-7-15.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June 30,
5 2017."