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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1882

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1882 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 38.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/38.1 new)

7 Sec. 38.1. Veterans' Services Task Force.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Task Force created by
9 Public Act 101-225 and repealed on December 31, 2023 is
10 recreated as the Veterans' Services Task Force. The Task Force
11 shall review and make recommendations regarding gaps in
12 veterans' services, including, but not limited to, exploring
13 why certain service-related ailments are not recognized,
14 resources for veterans' monuments and memorials, and resources
15 for veterans transitioning from military service.

16 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1 (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the
2 Director's designee.

3 (2) Two members from the House of Representatives,
4 appointed one each by the Speaker of the House and the
5 House Minority Leader.

6 (3) Two members of the Senate, appointed one each by
7 the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority
8 Leader.

9 (4) One veteran, appointed by the Director of
10 Veterans' Affairs.

11 (5) Four representatives from a variety of veterans
12 organizations representing geographic diversity in the
13 State, appointed by the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

14 (6) Three members, one of whom shall be appointed by
15 the chair of the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House
16 of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the
17 chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Senate, and
18 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority
19 spokesperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the
20 Senate.

21 Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

22 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least twice a year and at
23 any other times it deems necessary. Task Force members shall
24 select from among themselves a chairperson or co-chairpersons
25 at the initial Task Force meeting.

26 (d) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide

1 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

2 (e) The Task Force shall prepare a report that summarizes
3 its work and makes recommendations resulting from its study.

4 The Task Force shall submit the report of its findings and
5 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by
6 December 31, 2027. The Task Force is dissolved, and this
7 Section is repealed, on December 31, 2028.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 3 months
9 after becoming law."