

House Bill 913

By: Representatives Scott of the 76th, Yates of the 73rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Smith of the 125th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Department of Veterans Service, so as to require the maintenance of a women
3 veterans' program by the commissioner of veterans service; to provide for the purposes of
4 such women veterans' program; to require an annual report; to provide for related matters;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Department of Veterans Service, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
10 follows:

11 "38-4-13.

12 The commissioner of veterans service shall, in addition to the duties provided in this
13 chapter, maintain a women veterans' program. Such program shall conduct outreach to
14 women veterans for the purpose of improving awareness of eligibility for federal and state
15 veterans' benefits and services, conduct assessments of the specific needs of women
16 veterans with respect to benefits and services, and review programs, research projects, and
17 other initiatives designed to address or meet the specific needs of women veterans in this
18 state. In the annual report provided for under Code Section 38-4-11, the commissioner of
19 veterans service shall specifically report on the program provided for under this Code
20 section."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.