

# HOUSE BILL No. 1352

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17-1-4; IC 12-8-15; IC 20-19-10; IC 21-18-16; IC 22-4.1-28; IC 25-1-20.

**Synopsis:** Disabled veteran's hiring preferences. Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission to provide veterans with a list of: (1) services available to veterans in Indiana; (2) state agencies that offer services to veterans in Indiana; and (3) the telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and addresses of the agencies that offer services to veterans. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, the department of education, the commission for higher education, the department of workforce development, and the professional licensing agency (agencies) to include in an application for a benefit, financial assistance, a service, or a professional credential questions asking: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant has the option to decline to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted in a data base and to share the information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs. Allows the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to use the shared information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2020 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. The commission shall do acts necessary or  
4 reasonably incident to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter,  
5 including the following:  
6 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.  
7 (2) Advise the veterans' state service officer in problems  
8 concerning the welfare of veterans.  
9 (3) Determine general administrative policies within the  
10 department.  
11 (4) Establish standards for certification of state, county, and city  
12 service officers.  
13 (5) Establish and administer a written examination for renewal of  
14 the certification of county and city service officers.  
15 (6) **Provide a list of:**  
16 (A) **services available to veterans in Indiana;**  
17 (B) **state agencies that offer services to veterans in Indiana;**



1           **and**

2           **(C) the telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and**  
 3           **addresses of the agencies that offer services to veterans.**

4           ~~(6)~~ (7) Submit, not later than December 31 of each year, an  
 5           annual report to the legislative council in an electronic format  
 6           under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor concerning the welfare of  
 7           veterans.

8           SECTION 2. IC 12-8-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 9           A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 10          1, 2021]:

11          **Chapter 15. Veteran Status Information**

12          **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to services provided after December**  
 13          **31, 2021.**

14          **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
 15          **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

16          **Sec. 3. (a) An application for any service provided under this**  
 17          **title must contain the following questions:**

18               (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
 19               or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
 20               National Guard?"

21               (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
 22               the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
 23               National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

24          **(b) An application described in subsection (a) must indicate that**  
 25          **an applicant has the option whether or not to answer the questions**  
 26          **set forth in subsection (a).**

27          **Sec. 4. The office of the secretary shall keep the information**  
 28          **submitted under section 3 of this chapter in a data base and share**  
 29          **the information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs**  
 30          **upon the request of the department. Information shared under this**  
 31          **section may be used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs**  
 32          **to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

33          SECTION 3. IC 20-19-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 34          AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 35          JULY 1, 2021]:

36          **Chapter 10. Veteran Status Information**

37          **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to services provided after December**  
 38          **31, 2021.**

39          **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
 40          **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

41          **Sec. 3. (a) An application for any assistance or service provided**  
 42          **under this title must contain the following questions:**



1 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
2 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
3 National Guard?"

4 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
5 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
6 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

7 (b) An application described in subsection (a) must indicate that  
8 an applicant has the option whether or not to answer the questions  
9 set forth in subsection (a).

10 Sec. 4. The department shall keep the information submitted  
11 under section 3 of this chapter in a data base and share the  
12 information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs upon  
13 the request of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs.  
14 Information shared under this section may be used by the Indiana  
15 department of veterans' affairs to develop outreach programs for  
16 veterans and their families.

17 SECTION 4. IC 21-18-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
18 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
19 JULY 1, 2021]:

20 **Chapter 16. Veteran Status Information**

21 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to services provided after December**  
22 **31, 2021.**

23 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
24 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-14-1-2.7.**

25 **Sec. 3. (a) An application for any financial assistance or service**  
26 **provided under this title must contain the following questions:**

27 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
28 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
29 National Guard?"

30 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
31 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
32 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

33 (b) An application described in subsection (a) must indicate that  
34 an applicant has the option whether or not to answer the questions  
35 set forth in subsection (a).

36 **Sec. 4. The commission shall keep the information submitted**  
37 **under section 3 of this chapter in a data base and share the**  
38 **information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs upon**  
39 **the request of the department. Information shared under this**  
40 **section may be used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs**  
41 **to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

42 SECTION 5. IC 22-4.1-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE



1 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
2 JULY 1, 2021]:

3 **Chapter 28. Veteran Status Information**

4 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to benefits or services provided after**  
5 **December 31, 2021.**

6 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
7 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

8 **Sec. 3. (a) An application for any benefit or service provided**  
9 **under this title must contain the following questions:**

10 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
11 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
12 National Guard?"

13 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
14 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
15 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

16 (b) An application described in subsection (a) must indicate that  
17 an applicant has the option whether or not to answer the questions  
18 set forth in subsection (a).

19 **Sec. 4. The department shall keep the information submitted**  
20 **under section 3 of this chapter in a data base and share the**  
21 **information with the Indiana department of veterans' affairs upon**  
22 **the request of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs.**  
23 **Information shared under this section may be used by the Indiana**  
24 **department of veterans' affairs to develop outreach programs for**  
25 **veterans and their families.**

26 SECTION 6. IC 25-1-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
27 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
28 1, 2021]:

29 **Chapter 20. Veteran Status Information**

30 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to credentials issued after December**  
31 **31, 2021.**

32 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
33 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-1-12-3.**

34 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "credential" means any license,**  
35 **permit, certificate, registration, or similar document issued under**  
36 **this title.**

37 **Sec. 4. (a) An application for any credential issued under this**  
38 **title must contain the following questions:**

39 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
40 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
41 National Guard?"

42 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in



1           the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
2           National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".

3           **(b) An application described in subsection (a) must indicate that**  
4           **an applicant has the option whether or not to answer the questions**  
5           **set forth in subsection (a).**

6           **Sec. 5. The professional licensing agency shall keep the**  
7           **information submitted under section 4 of this chapter in a data**  
8           **base and share the information with the Indiana department of**  
9           **veterans' affairs upon the request of the Indiana department of**  
10          **veterans' affairs. Information shared under this section may be**  
11          **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
12          **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

