

SENATE BILL No. 283

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-3-3-15; IC 10-17-1-4.

Synopsis: Veterans matters. Provides for a tax credit against a qualified veteran's adjusted gross income tax liability each taxable year to a qualified veteran who rents a dwelling as a principal place of residence equal to 10% of the rent paid by the qualified veteran during the taxable year. Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission, in collaboration with the state personnel department and the department of workforce development, to recruit active military service personnel during the final six months of their military service to live and work in Indiana at the conclusion of their military service.

Effective: July 1, 2018; January 1, 2019.

Boots

January 4, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and The Military.



Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3-3-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 15. (a) This section applies only to taxable**
4 **years beginning after December 31, 2018.**
5 **(b) As used in this section, "qualified veteran" means an**
6 **individual to whom the following criteria apply:**
7 **(1) The individual served in the military or naval forces of the**
8 **United States during any of its wars.**
9 **(2) The individual received an honorable discharge.**
10 **(3) The individual has a disability with a service connected**
11 **disability of ten percent (10%) or more.**
12 **(4) The individual's disability is evidenced by:**
13 **(A) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a**
14 **disability compensation check issued by the United States**
15 **Department of Veterans Affairs; or**
16 **(B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the**
17 **Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana**



1 department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
2 individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
3 deduction under this section.

4 (c) Each taxable year, a qualified veteran who rents a dwelling
5 as the qualified veteran's principal place of residence is entitled to
6 a credit against the qualified veteran's adjusted gross income tax
7 liability for the taxable year in an amount equal to ten percent
8 (10%) of the rent paid during the taxable year by the qualified
9 veteran for the rental of the dwelling.

10 (d) A qualified veteran must claim the credit provided by this
11 section in the manner prescribed by the department.

12 (e) For any taxable year, an individual may claim both the
13 credit provided by this section and the deduction provided by
14 IC 6-3-2-6 to the extent of the individual's eligibility.

15 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.108-2016,
16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 4. (a) The commission shall do acts necessary or
18 reasonably incident to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter,
19 including the following:

- 20 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.
21 (2) Advise the veterans' state service officer in problems
22 concerning the welfare of veterans.
23 (3) Determine general administrative policies within the
24 department.
25 (4) Establish standards for certification of county and city service
26 officers.
27 (5) Establish and administer a written examination for renewal of
28 the certification of county and city service officers.
29 (6) Submit, not later than December 31 of each year, an annual
30 report to the legislative council in an electronic format under
31 IC 5-14-6 and to the governor concerning the welfare of veterans.

32 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the state personnel
33 department (established by IC 4-15-2.2-13) and the department of
34 workforce development (established by IC 22-4.1-2-1), shall do the
35 following:

- 36 (1) Recruit active military personnel during the final six (6)
37 months of military service to live and work in Indiana
38 following discharge.
39 (2) Team with public and private entities to develop
40 marketing packages and financial incentives to attract
41 recently discharged military service personnel to live and
42 work in Indiana.



- 1 **(c) In order to carry out the duties described in subsection (b),**
2 **the commission may partner with or seek guidance from:**
3 **(1) appropriate state agencies;**
4 **(2) officials in other states or municipalities;**
5 **(3) federal agencies;**
6 **(4) nonprofit or faith based organizations providing services**
7 **to veterans and their families; and**
8 **(5) colleges and universities.**
9 **(d) Counties, cities, and towns in Indiana that seek to welcome**
10 **and support recently discharged military service personnel in their**
11 **communities may work with the commission to provide:**
12 **(1) job skills training;**
13 **(2) training stipends;**
14 **(3) home purchasing assistance; and**
15 **(4) payment of relocation expenses;**
16 **during the transition to civilian life.**

