### Assembly Bill No. 2–Committee on Government Affairs

### CHAPTER.....

# AN ACT relating to the state militia; revising certain provisions relating to the Patriot Relief Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the payment of various benefits to members of the Nevada National Guard from the Patriot Relief Account, including a member called into active service who is experiencing economic hardship. This bill: (1) limits the payment of benefits from the Account to the extent money is available in the Account; and (2) removes the requirement that monetary relief may be paid for economic hardship only to those members called into active service, thereby expanding eligibility to all members experiencing economic hardship.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 412.1435 is hereby amended to read as follows:

412.1435 1. The Patriot Relief Account is hereby created as a special account in the State General Fund.

2. The money in the Patriot Relief Account does not lapse to the State General Fund at the end of any fiscal year. The interest and income earned on the sum of:

(a) The money in the Patriot Relief Account, after deducting any applicable charges; and

(b) Unexpended appropriations made to the Patriot Relief Account from the State General Fund,

 $\rightarrow$  must be credited to the Account. All claims against the Patriot Relief Account must be paid as other claims against the State are paid.

3. The Office may accept gifts, grants and donations from any source for deposit in the Patriot Relief Account.

4. [The] To the extent money is available from legislative appropriation or otherwise in the Patriot Relief Account, the money in the Patriot Relief Account may only be used to provide:

(a) Reimbursement to a member of the Nevada National Guard for the cost of:

(1) Premiums on a policy of group life insurance purchased pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §§ 1965 et seq.; or



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(2) Textbooks required for a course of study in which the member is enrolled at an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education; and

(b) Monetary relief from economic hardships experienced by a member of the Nevada National Guard . [who has been called into active service.]

5. The Adjutant General shall adopt any regulations necessary to determine eligibility for reimbursement or monetary relief from the Patriot Relief Account and to carry out a program to provide such reimbursement and monetary relief.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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