

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 58—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises various provisions relating to veterans.
(BDR 37-303)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; making the Office of Veterans Services the Department of Veterans Services; creating the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; revising provisions relating to donations for veterans homes; requiring the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue annual permits for the free use of state parks and other recreational areas to certain veterans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Office of Veterans Services has various duties and
2 powers relating to veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and their dependents
3 in Nevada, including assisting them with obtaining benefits to which they are
4 entitled and any services that they require and providing administrative oversight of
5 veterans homes and veterans cemeteries in Nevada. (Chapter 417 of NRS) **Section**
6 **14** of this bill changes the Office to the Department of Veterans Services, a state
7 department. Accordingly, the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of
8 the Office become the Director and Deputy Director of the Department,
9 respectively. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission will now advise the
10 Department instead of the Office. (NRS 417.190) **Sections 1-7, 13, 15-33, 45 and**
11 **48-50** of this bill make conforming changes.

12 In 2012, the Governor established by executive order the Interagency Council
13 on Veterans Affairs. (Executive Order 2012-15 (7-3-2012)) The Council was
14 charged with identifying and prioritizing the needs of Nevada’s veterans, working
15 toward increasing the coordination of the efforts of public and private agencies to
16 meet those needs and preparing a report of its findings and recommendations by



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17 December 31, 2013, for submission to the Governor. **Section 10** of this bill creates
18 the Council in statute and prescribes its membership, which includes ex officio
19 members and members appointed by the Governor. **Section 11** of this bill requires
20 the Council to hold meetings at least once every 3 months. **Section 12** of this bill
21 prescribes issues for the Council to study and requires the Council to submit a
22 report of its findings and recommendations to each regular session of the
23 Legislature.

24 The Gift Account for Veterans Homes is established under existing law to
25 receive gifts of money or personal property which a donor has restricted to one or
26 more uses at a veterans home. (NRS 417.145) As a result of the authorization of the
27 creation of a veterans home in northern Nevada in **section 55** of this bill, **section 23**
28 of this bill changes the existing Gift Account for Veterans Homes to the Gift
29 Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada to be used for the deposit of
30 gifts which donors have restricted to use at that home. **Section 23** also creates the
31 Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada to be used for the deposit
32 of gifts which donors have restricted to use at this new veterans home. **Sections 37-**
33 **44 and 47** of this bill make conforming changes.

34 Under existing law, the Division of State Parks of the State Department of
35 Conservation and Natural Resources is required to issue an annual permit for the
36 free use of all state parks and recreational areas in this State to persons who are 65
37 years of age or older and who meet certain residency requirements. (NRS 407.065)
38 **Section 46** of this bill extends this same benefit to a veteran with a permanent
39 service-connected disability of 10 percent or more who received an other than
40 dishonorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States and who is a
41 resident of Nevada.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 417.010 and*
6 *sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to*
7 *them in those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Department” means the Department of Veterans*
9 *Services created by NRS 417.020.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Deputy Director” means the Deputy Director of the*
11 *Department.*

12 **Sec. 5.** *“Director” means the Director of the Department.*

13 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

14 **Sec. 7.** *The Director may adopt such regulations as are*
15 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.*

16 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

17 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

18 **Sec. 10.** *1. The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs is*
19 *hereby created. The Council consists of:*

20 *(a) The Director of the Department of Business and Industry;*



- 1 (b) *The Director of the Department of Corrections;*
2 (c) *The Director of the Department of Employment, Training*
3 *and Rehabilitation;*
4 (d) *The Director of the Department of Health and Human*
5 *Services;*
6 (e) *The Director of the Department of Public Safety;*
7 (f) *The Director of the Department of Veterans Services;*
8 (g) *The Adjutant General;*
9 (h) *The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher*
10 *Education;*
11 (i) *The Executive Director of the Office of Economic*
12 *Development;*
13 (j) *The Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission;*
14 *and*
15 (k) *Any other persons appointed by the Governor, including,*
16 *without limitation, representatives of federal and local*
17 *governmental agencies and private entities that provide services to*
18 *veterans. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph serve at*
19 *the pleasure of the Governor.*

20 2. *A member of the Council may designate a person to*
21 *represent him or her at any meeting of the Council. The person*
22 *designated may exercise all the duties, rights and privileges of the*
23 *member that he or she represents.*

24 **Sec. 11.** 1. *The members of the Council shall elect a Chair*
25 *and a Vice Chair. The Vice Chair presides in the absence of the*
26 *Chair.*

27 2. *The Council shall meet at least once each quarter but may*
28 *meet more often at the call of the Chair or a majority of the*
29 *members of the Council.*

30 3. *Members of the Council serve without compensation,*
31 *except that each member of the Council is entitled, while engaged*
32 *in the business of the Council, to receive the per diem allowance*
33 *and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*
34 *generally. The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided to*
35 *a member of the Council who is an officer or employee of the*
36 *State of Nevada or a political subdivision of this State must be paid*
37 *by the state agency or political subdivision which employs him or*
38 *her.*

39 4. *Each member of the Council who is an officer or employee*
40 *of the State of Nevada or a political subdivision of this State must*
41 *be relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular*
42 *compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend*
43 *meetings of the Council and perform any work necessary to carry*
44 *out the duties of the Council in the most timely manner*
45 *practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State*



1 shall not require an officer or employee who is a member of the
2 Council to make up the time that he or she is absent from work to
3 carry out his or her duties as a member of the Council or to use
4 annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence.

5 5. A majority of the members of the Council constitutes a
6 quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on
7 the Council.

8 **Sec. 12.** *The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs shall:*

9 1. *Identify and prioritize the needs of veterans and*
10 *servicemen and servicewomen and their families in this State.*

11 2. *Study the coordination of the efforts of the Federal*
12 *Government, State Government, local governments and private*
13 *entities to meet the needs of veterans and servicemen and*
14 *servicewomen and their families in this State.*

15 3. *On or before February 15 of each year, submit a report*
16 *concerning the activities of the Council during the preceding*
17 *calendar year and any recommendations of the Council to the*
18 *Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for*
19 *transmittal to:*

20 (a) *If the Legislature is in session, the standing committees of*
21 *the Legislature which have jurisdiction of the subject matter; or*

22 (b) *If the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative*
23 *Commission.*

24 **Sec. 13.** NRS 417.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 417.010 ~~As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise~~
26 ~~requires:~~

27 ~~1. "Administrator" means the administrator of a veterans~~
28 ~~home in this State.~~

29 ~~2. "Deputy Executive Director" means the Deputy Executive~~
30 ~~Director for Veterans Services.~~

31 ~~3. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director for~~
32 ~~Veterans Services.~~

33 **Sec. 14.** NRS 417.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 417.020 1. The ~~Office~~ **Department** of Veterans Services is
35 hereby created.

36 2. ~~The Office consists of the offices of the Executive Director~~
37 ~~for Veterans Services and the Deputy Executive Director for~~
38 ~~Veterans Services.~~

39 ~~3. The Executive Director shall serve as the Director of the~~
40 ~~Office of Veterans Services and is responsible for the performance~~
41 ~~of the duties imposed upon the Office, and for such other duties as~~
42 ~~may be prescribed by this chapter.~~

43 ~~4. The Executive Director may adopt such regulations as are~~
44 ~~necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.~~ **The**



1 *Department is vested with the powers and authority provided in*
2 *this chapter and shall carry out the purposes of this chapter.*

3 **Sec. 15.** NRS 417.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 417.030 1. *The office of Director of the Department of*
5 *Veterans Services is hereby created.*

6 2. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director ~~{and Deputy Executive Director}~~
7 must be appointed by *and serves at the pleasure of* the Governor.

8 ~~{2-} 3. The Director shall appoint one Deputy Director of the~~
9 *Department, who shall assist the Director in performing the duties*
10 *prescribed in this chapter.*

11 4. Any person to be eligible for appointment as the ~~{Executive}~~
12 Director or the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director must:

13 (a) Be an actual and bona fide resident of the State of Nevada;

14 (b) Possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the
15 military and naval service of the United States; and

16 (c) Have at least 4 years of experience in management or
17 administration.

18 **Sec. 16.** NRS 417.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 417.035 The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall execute and deliver to
20 the Secretary of State his or her official bond in the penal sum of
21 \$500,000 with a corporate surety licensed to do business in this
22 State, conditioned to ensure his or her faithful discharge of
23 responsibilities as guardian of the estates of those veterans and
24 dependents for whom he or she acts. A separate bond for each estate
25 is not required.

26 **Sec. 17.** NRS 417.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 417.060 The ~~{Executive}~~ Director and the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~
28 Director are in the unclassified service of the State. Except as
29 otherwise provided in NRS 284.143, each shall devote his or her
30 entire time and attention to the business of his or her office and shall
31 not pursue any other business or occupation or hold any other office
32 of profit.

33 **Sec. 18.** NRS 417.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 417.070 1. The office of the ~~{Executive}~~ Director must be
35 located in the same city where the state regional office of the United
36 States Department of Veterans Affairs maintains its state
37 administrative bureau, and if that office is discontinued in the State
38 of Nevada, then at such place as the Governor may designate.

39 2. The office of the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director must be
40 maintained at Las Vegas, Nevada.

41 ~~{3.—The Deputy Executive Director shall report to the Executive~~
42 ~~Director and shall assist the Executive Director in performing the~~
43 ~~duties prescribed in this chapter.}~~

44 **Sec. 19.** NRS 417.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 417.080 1. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director:



1 (a) May employ such clerical and stenographic assistance as
2 necessary.

3 (b) May purchase necessary office equipment and supplies.

4 (c) Is entitled to receive necessary travel and miscellaneous
5 administrative expenses in the administration of this chapter.

6 2. All clerical and stenographic services, office equipment and
7 supplies, travel expenses at the same rate as other state officers and
8 miscellaneous administrative expenses and salaries must be paid at
9 the time and in the manner that similar claims and expenses of other
10 state departments and officers are paid, but:

11 (a) All expenses must be within the limits of the appropriation
12 made for the purposes of this chapter; and

13 (b) The salaries and compensation of clerks and stenographers
14 must be at the same rate as that provided by law for clerks and
15 stenographers in other state departments.

16 **Sec. 20.** NRS 417.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 417.090 The ~~Executive~~ Director and the Deputy ~~Executive~~
18 Director shall:

19 1. Assist veterans, and those presently serving in the military
20 and naval forces of the United States who are residents of the State
21 of Nevada, their wives, widows, widowers, husbands, children,
22 dependents, administrators, executors and personal representatives,
23 in preparing, submitting and presenting any claim against the United
24 States, or any state, for adjusted compensation, hospitalization,
25 insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training,
26 education or rehabilitation and assist them in obtaining any aid or
27 benefit to which they may, from time to time, be entitled under the
28 laws of the United States or of any of the states.

29 2. Aid, assist, encourage and cooperate with every nationally
30 recognized service organization insofar as the activities of such
31 organizations are for the benefit of veterans, servicemen and
32 servicewomen.

33 3. Give aid, assistance and counsel to each and every problem,
34 question and situation, individual as well as collective, affecting any
35 veteran, serviceman or servicewoman, or their dependents, or any
36 group of veterans, servicemen and servicewomen, when in their
37 opinion such comes within the scope of this chapter.

38 4. Coordinate activities of veterans organizations.

39 5. Serve as a clearinghouse and disseminate information
40 relating to veterans benefits.

41 6. Conduct any studies which will assist veterans to obtain
42 compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability
43 compensation, vocational training, education, rehabilitation or any
44 other benefit to which veterans may be entitled under the laws of the
45 United States or of any state.



1 7. Aid, assist and cooperate with the office of coordinator of
2 services for veterans created in a county pursuant to NRS 244.401.

3 8. Pay to each county that creates the office of coordinator of
4 services for veterans, from state money available to him or her, a
5 portion of the cost of operating the office in an amount determined
6 by the ~~Executive~~ Director.

7 9. Take possession of any abandoned or unclaimed artifacts or
8 other property that has military value for safekeeping. The
9 ~~Executive~~ Director or Deputy ~~Executive~~ Director may transfer
10 such property to a veterans or military museum.

11 **Sec. 21.** NRS 417.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 417.100 The ~~Executive~~ Director and the Deputy ~~Executive~~
13 Director may:

14 1. Administer oaths to any person whose acknowledgment may
15 become necessary in the prosecution of any claim for compensation,
16 hospitalization, insurance or other aid or benefits.

17 2. Certify to the correctness of any document or documents
18 which may be submitted in connection with any such application.

19 **Sec. 22.** NRS 417.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 417.105 1. Each year on or before October 1, the ~~Office of~~
21 ~~Veterans Services~~ *Department* shall review the reports submitted
22 pursuant to NRS 333.3368 and 338.13846.

23 2. In carrying out the provisions of subsection 1, the ~~Office of~~
24 ~~Veterans Services~~ *Department* shall seek input from:

25 (a) The Purchasing Division of the Department of
26 Administration.

27 (b) The State Public Works Board of the State Public Works
28 Division of the Department of Administration.

29 (c) The Office of Economic Development.

30 (d) Groups representing the interests of veterans of the Armed
31 Forces of the United States.

32 (e) The business community.

33 (f) Local businesses owned by veterans with service-connected
34 disabilities.

35 3. After performing the duties described in subsections 1 and 2,
36 the ~~Office of Veterans Services~~ *Department* shall make
37 recommendations to the Legislative Commission regarding the
38 continuation, modification, promotion or expansion of the
39 preferences for local businesses owned by veterans with service-
40 connected disabilities which are described in NRS 333.3366 and
41 338.13844.

42 4. As used in this section:

43 (a) "Business owned by a veteran with a service-connected
44 disability" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 338.13841.



1 (b) "Local business" has the meaning ascribed to it in
2 NRS 333.3363.

3 (c) "Veteran with a service-connected disability" has the
4 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 338.13843.

5 **Sec. 23.** NRS 417.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 417.145 1. The Veterans Home Account is hereby
7 established in the State General Fund.

8 2. Money received from:

9 (a) Payments made by the United States Department of Veterans
10 Affairs for veterans who receive care in a veterans home;

11 (b) Other payments for medical care and services;

12 (c) Appropriations made by the Legislature for veterans homes;

13 (d) Federal grants and other money received pursuant to
14 paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 417.147;

15 (e) Money collected pursuant to the schedule of rates established
16 pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 417.147 for occupancy of rooms at
17 veterans homes; and

18 (f) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 7.~~ *subsections 7*
19 *and 8*, gifts of money and proceeds derived from the sale of gifts of
20 personal property for the use of veterans homes, if the use of those
21 gifts has not been restricted by the donor,

22 ↪ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the
23 Veterans Home Account.

24 3. Interest and income must not be computed on the money in
25 the Veterans Home Account.

26 4. The Veterans Home Account must be administered by the
27 ~~Executive~~ Director, with the advice of the administrators, and
28 except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of
29 NRS 417.147, the money deposited in the Veterans Home Account
30 may only be expended for:

31 (a) The establishment, management, maintenance and operation
32 of veterans homes;

33 (b) A program or service related to a veterans home;

34 (c) The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a veterans
35 home; and

36 (d) The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning
37 the establishment and uses of a veterans home.

38 5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection 7.~~ *subsections*
39 *7 and 8*, gifts of personal property for the use of veterans homes:

40 (a) May be sold or exchanged if the sale or exchange is
41 approved by the State Board of Examiners; or

42 (b) May be used in kind if the gifts are not appropriate for
43 conversion to money.



1 6. All money in the Veterans Home Account must be paid out
2 on claims approved by the ~~Executive~~ Director as other claims
3 against the State are paid.

4 7. The Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ *Home in*
5 *Southern Nevada* is hereby established in the State General Fund.
6 Gifts of money or personal property which the donor has restricted
7 to one or more uses at ~~the~~ *the* veterans home *in southern Nevada*
8 must be used only in the manner designated by the donor. Gifts of
9 money which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at ~~this~~
10 veterans home must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit
11 to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ *Home in Southern*
12 *Nevada*. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift
13 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ *Home in Southern Nevada*,
14 after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift
15 Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~ *Home in Southern Nevada*.
16 Any money remaining in the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Homes~~
17 *Home in Southern Nevada* at the end of each fiscal year does not
18 lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward into the
19 next fiscal year.

20 8. *The Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*
21 *Nevada is hereby established in the State General Fund. Gifts of*
22 *money or personal property which the donor has restricted to one*
23 *or more uses at the veterans home in northern Nevada must be*
24 *used only in the manner designated by the donor. Gifts of money*
25 *which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at this*
26 *veterans home must be deposited with the State Treasurer for*
27 *credit to the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*
28 *Nevada. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift*
29 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada, after*
30 *deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift*
31 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada. Any money*
32 *remaining in the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*
33 *Nevada at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the State*
34 *General Fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal*
35 *year.*

36 9. The Gift Account for Veterans is hereby created in the State
37 General Fund. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall administer the Gift
38 Account for Veterans. The money deposited in the Gift Account for
39 Veterans pursuant to NRS 482.3764 may only be used for the
40 support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their
41 families, or both, as determined by the ~~Executive~~ Director. The
42 interest and income earned on the money in the Gift Account for
43 Veterans, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited
44 to the Gift Account for Veterans. All money in the Gift Account for
45 Veterans must be paid out on claims approved by the ~~Executive~~



1 Director as other claims against the State are paid. Any money
2 remaining in the Gift Account for Veterans at the end of each fiscal
3 year does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried
4 forward into the next fiscal year.

5 ~~9.] 10.~~ The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall, on or before August 1
6 of each year, prepare and submit to the Interim Finance Committee
7 a report detailing the expenditures made from the Gift Account for
8 *the Veterans ~~{Homes}~~ Home in Southern Nevada, the Gift Account*
9 *for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* and the Gift Account
10 for Veterans.

11 **Sec. 24.** NRS 417.147 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 417.147 1. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall:

13 (a) Appoint an administrator for each veterans home in this
14 State. Each administrator must be licensed as a nursing facility
15 administrator pursuant to NRS 654.170.

16 (b) Take such other actions as are necessary for the
17 management, maintenance and operation of veterans homes in this
18 State, including, without limitation, establishing and implementing
19 rules, policies and procedures for such management, maintenance
20 and operation.

21 (c) Apply for federal grants and other sources of money
22 available for establishing veterans homes. A federal grant must be
23 used only as permitted by the terms of the grant.

24 2. With the advice of the Nevada Veterans Services
25 Commission, the ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall, on or before April 1 of
26 each calendar year, recommend to the State Board of Examiners a
27 schedule of rates to be charged for occupancy of rooms at each
28 veterans home in this State during the following fiscal year. The
29 State Board of Examiners shall establish the schedule of rates. In
30 setting the rates, the State Board of Examiners shall consider the
31 recommendations of the ~~{Executive}~~ Director, but is not bound to
32 follow the recommendations of the ~~{Executive}~~ Director.

33 3. The first veterans home that is established in this State must
34 be established at a location in southern Nevada determined to be
35 appropriate by the Interim Finance Committee. The Interim Finance
36 Committee shall give preference to a site that is zoned appropriately
37 for the establishment of a veterans home, that affords minimum
38 costs of maintenance and that is located in an area where the
39 members of the families of the veterans can easily visit the veterans
40 home. The site for the construction of the veterans home in southern
41 Nevada must be:

42 (a) Located in reasonable proximity to:

43 (1) A public transportation system;

44 (2) Shopping centers; and



1 (3) A major hospital that has a center for the treatment of
2 trauma which is designated as a level II center by the Administrator
3 of the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human
4 Services.

5 (b) Not less than 5 acres in area.

6 4. If an additional veterans home is authorized, it must be
7 established in northern Nevada.

8 **Sec. 25.** NRS 417.148 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 417.148 1. A revolving account up to the amount of \$2,000 is
10 hereby created for each veterans home, and may be used for the
11 payment of bills of the veterans home requiring immediate payment
12 and for no other purpose. The administrator of a veterans home shall
13 deposit the money for the revolving account for the veterans home
14 in a bank, credit union or savings and loan association qualified to
15 receive deposits of public money. The revolving account must be
16 under the control of the administrator of the veterans home for
17 which the account was created.

18 2. The ~~Executive~~ Director may transfer such amounts of
19 money from the Veterans Home Account to a revolving account as
20 the ~~Executive~~ Director determines necessary provided that the
21 balance in the revolving account does not exceed \$2,000.

22 **Sec. 26.** NRS 417.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 417.150 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission,
24 consisting of nine members, is hereby created.

25 2. The Governor shall appoint:

26 (a) Three members who are representatives of nationally
27 recognized veterans organizations and who possess honorable
28 discharges from some branch of the military and naval service of the
29 United States.

30 (b) Two members who are representatives of the general public.

31 3. The Chair of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans
32 Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Chair of the Advisory
33 Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada shall each
34 appoint one member from their respective committees to serve as a
35 member of the Commission. Each member so appointed must be a
36 representative of a nationally recognized veterans organization and
37 possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the military
38 and naval service of the United States.

39 4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member
40 of the Senate to serve as a member of the Commission.

41 5. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of
42 the Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission.

43 6. The Governor may remove a member of the Commission at
44 any time for failure to perform his or her duties, malfeasance or
45 other good cause.



1 7. The term of office of each member is 2 years.

2 8. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of those members
3 appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Governor
4 shall fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees
5 provided to the Governor in writing by the ~~{Executive}~~ Director.

6 **Sec. 27.** NRS 417.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 417.160 1. The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall
8 annually choose one of its members to serve as Chair and one of its
9 members to serve as Vice Chair.

10 2. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall provide for the preparation
11 and maintenance of written minutes for and audio recordings or
12 transcripts of each meeting of the ~~{Veterans Services}~~ Commission.

13 3. Members of the ~~{Veterans—Services}~~ Commission are
14 entitled to receive:

15 (a) A salary of not more than \$80 per day, as fixed by the
16 ~~{Executive}~~ Director, while engaged in the business of the
17 Commission.

18 (b) A subsistence allowance of not more than \$56 per day, as
19 fixed by the ~~{Executive}~~ Director, and actual expenses for
20 transportation, while traveling on business of the Commission.

21 **Sec. 28.** NRS 417.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 417.190 The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall:

23 1. Advise the ~~{Executive}~~ Director and Deputy ~~{Executive}~~
24 Director.

25 2. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the
26 ~~{Executive}~~ Director and the Deputy ~~{Executive}~~ Director regarding
27 aid or benefits to veterans.

28 **Sec. 29.** NRS 417.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 417.200 1. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall establish, operate
30 and maintain a veterans cemetery in northern Nevada and a veterans
31 cemetery in southern Nevada, and may, within the limits of
32 legislative authorization, employ personnel and purchase equipment
33 and supplies necessary for the operation and maintenance of the
34 cemeteries. The ~~{Executive}~~ Director shall employ a cemetery
35 superintendent to operate and maintain each cemetery.

36 2. The cemetery superintendent shall ensure that the area
37 immediately above and surrounding the interred remains in each
38 veterans cemetery is landscaped with natural grass.

39 3. A person desiring to provide voluntary services to further
40 the establishment, maintenance or operation of either of the
41 cemeteries shall submit a written offer to the cemetery
42 superintendent which describes the nature of the services. The
43 cemetery superintendent shall consider all such offers and approve
44 those he or she deems appropriate. The cemetery superintendent
45 shall coordinate the provision of all services so approved.



1 **Sec. 30.** NRS 417.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 417.210 1. A veteran who is eligible for interment in a
3 national cemetery pursuant to the provisions of 38 U.S.C. § 2402 is
4 eligible for interment in a veterans cemetery in this State.

5 2. An eligible veteran, or a member of his or her immediate
6 family, or a veterans organization recognized by the ~~Executive~~
7 Director may apply for a plot in a cemetery for veterans in this State
8 by submitting a request to the cemetery superintendent on a form to
9 be supplied by the cemetery superintendent. The cemetery
10 superintendent shall assign available plots in the order in which
11 applications are received. A specific plot may not be reserved before
12 it is needed for burial. No charge may be made for a plot or for the
13 interment of a veteran.

14 3. One plot is allowed for the interment of each eligible veteran
15 and for each member of his or her immediate family, except where
16 the conditions of the soil or the number of the decedents of the
17 family requires more than one plot.

18 4. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall charge a fee for the interment
19 of a family member, but the fee may not exceed the actual cost of
20 interment.

21 5. As used in this section, "immediate family" means the
22 spouse, minor child or, when the ~~Executive~~ Director deems
23 appropriate, the unmarried adult child of an eligible veteran.

24 **Sec. 31.** NRS 417.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 417.220 1. The Account for Veterans Affairs is hereby
26 created in the State General Fund.

27 2. Money received by the ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy
28 ~~Executive~~ Director from:

29 (a) Fees charged pursuant to NRS 417.210;

30 (b) Allowances for burial from the *United States* Department of
31 Veterans Affairs or other money provided by the Federal
32 Government for the support of veterans cemeteries;

33 (c) Receipts from the sale of gifts and general merchandise;

34 (d) Grants obtained by the ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy
35 ~~Executive~~ Director for the support of veterans cemeteries; and

36 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6 and NRS
37 417.145 and 417.147, gifts of money and proceeds derived from the
38 sale of gifts of personal property that he or she is authorized to
39 accept, if the use of such gifts has not been restricted by the donor,
40 ➤ must be deposited with the State Treasurer for credit to the
41 Account for Veterans Affairs and must be accounted for separately
42 for a veterans cemetery in northern Nevada or a veterans cemetery
43 in southern Nevada, whichever is appropriate.

44 3. The interest and income earned on the money deposited
45 pursuant to subsection 2, after deducting any applicable charges,



1 must be accounted for separately. Interest and income must not be
2 computed on money appropriated from the State General Fund to
3 the Account for Veterans Affairs.

4 4. The money deposited pursuant to subsection 2 may only be
5 used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery for which
6 the money was collected. In addition to personnel he or she is
7 authorized to employ pursuant to NRS 417.200, the ~~Executive~~
8 Director may use money deposited pursuant to subsection 2 to
9 employ such additional employees as are necessary for the operation
10 and maintenance of the cemeteries, except that the number of such
11 additional full-time employees that the ~~Executive~~ Director may
12 employ at each cemetery must not exceed 60 percent of the number
13 of full-time employees for national veterans cemeteries that is
14 established by the National Cemetery Administration of the United
15 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

16 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, gifts of
17 personal property which the ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy
18 ~~Executive~~ Director is authorized to receive but which are not
19 appropriate for conversion to money may be used in kind.

20 6. The Gift Account for Veterans Cemeteries is hereby created
21 in the State General Fund. Gifts of money that the ~~Executive~~
22 Director or the Deputy ~~Executive~~ Director is authorized to accept
23 and which the donor has restricted to one or more uses at a veterans
24 cemetery must be accounted for separately in the Gift Account for
25 Veterans Cemeteries. The interest and income earned on the money
26 deposited pursuant to this subsection must, after deducting any
27 applicable charges, be accounted for separately for a veterans
28 cemetery in northern Nevada or a veterans cemetery in southern
29 Nevada, as applicable. Any money remaining in the Gift Account
30 for Veterans Cemeteries at the end of each fiscal year does not
31 revert to the State General Fund, but must be carried over into the
32 next fiscal year.

33 7. The ~~Executive~~ Director or the Deputy ~~Executive~~ Director
34 shall use gifts of money or personal property that he or she is
35 authorized to accept and for which the donor has restricted to one or
36 more uses at a veterans cemetery in the manner designated by the
37 donor, except that if the original purpose of the gift has been
38 fulfilled or the original purpose cannot be fulfilled for good cause,
39 any money or personal property remaining in the gift may be used
40 for other purposes at the veterans cemetery in northern Nevada or
41 the veterans cemetery in southern Nevada, as appropriate.

42 **Sec. 32.** NRS 417.230 is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 417.230 1. There are hereby created the Advisory Committee
44 for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Advisory



1 Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Southern Nevada, each
2 consisting of seven members as follows:

3 (a) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader
4 of the Senate.

5 (b) One member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of
6 the Assembly.

7 (c) Five members of veterans organizations in this State,
8 appointed by the Governor.

9 2. The members of the Committees shall serve terms of 2
10 years.

11 3. Each Committee shall annually elect a Chair and a Vice
12 Chair from among its members.

13 4. Each Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year.

14 5. Any legislative member of a Committee who is not a
15 candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues
16 to serve after the general election until the next regular or special
17 session of the Legislature convenes.

18 6. While engaged in the work of the Committee, each member
19 of each Committee is entitled to receive the per diem allowances
20 and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees
21 generally.

22 7. The ~~Executive~~ Director shall consult with each Committee
23 regarding the establishment, maintenance and operation of the
24 veterans cemetery for which the Committee was created.

25 **Sec. 33.** NRS 120A.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 120A.610 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 to
27 8, inclusive, all abandoned property other than money delivered to
28 the Administrator under this chapter must, within 2 years after the
29 delivery, be sold by the Administrator to the highest bidder at public
30 sale in whatever manner affords, in his or her judgment, the most
31 favorable market for the property. The Administrator may decline
32 the highest bid and reoffer the property for sale if the Administrator
33 considers the bid to be insufficient.

34 2. Any sale held under this section must be preceded by a
35 single publication of notice, at least 3 weeks before sale, in a
36 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the property
37 is to be sold.

38 3. The purchaser of property at any sale conducted by the
39 Administrator pursuant to this chapter takes the property free of all
40 claims of the owner or previous holder and of all persons claiming
41 through or under them. The Administrator shall execute all
42 documents necessary to complete the transfer of ownership.

43 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the
44 Administrator need not offer any property for sale if the
45 Administrator considers that the probable cost of the sale will



1 exceed the proceeds of the sale. The Administrator may destroy or
2 otherwise dispose of such property or may transfer it to:

3 (a) The Nevada State Museum Las Vegas, the Nevada State
4 Museum or the Nevada Historical Society, upon its written request,
5 if the property has, in the opinion of the requesting institution,
6 historical, artistic or literary value and is worthy of preservation; or

7 (b) A genealogical library, upon its written request, if the
8 property has genealogical value and is not wanted by the Nevada
9 State Museum Las Vegas, the Nevada State Museum or the Nevada
10 Historical Society.

11 ➤ An action may not be maintained by any person against the
12 holder of the property because of that transfer, disposal or
13 destruction.

14 5. The Administrator shall transfer property to the ~~Office~~
15 **Department** of Veterans Services, upon its written request, if the
16 property has military value.

17 6. Securities delivered to the Administrator pursuant to this
18 chapter may be sold by the Administrator at any time after the
19 delivery. Securities listed on an established stock exchange must be
20 sold at the prevailing price for that security on the exchange at the
21 time of sale. Other securities not listed on an established stock
22 exchange may be sold:

23 (a) Over the counter at the prevailing price for that security at
24 the time of sale; or

25 (b) By any other method the Administrator deems acceptable.

26 7. The Administrator shall hold property that was removed
27 from a safe-deposit box or other safekeeping repository for 1 year
28 after the date of the delivery of the property to the Administrator,
29 unless that property is a will or a codicil to a will, in which case the
30 Administrator shall hold the property for 10 years after the date of
31 the delivery of the property to the Administrator. If no claims are
32 filed for the property within that period and the Administrator
33 determines that the probable cost of the sale of the property will
34 exceed the proceeds of the sale, it may be destroyed.

35 8. All proceeds received by the Administrator from abandoned
36 gift certificates must be accounted for separately in the Abandoned
37 Property Trust Account in the State General Fund. At the end of
38 each fiscal year, before any other money in the Abandoned Property
39 Trust Account is transferred pursuant to NRS 120A.620, the balance
40 in the subaccount created pursuant to this subsection, less any costs,
41 service charges or claims chargeable to the subaccount, must be
42 transferred to the Educational Trust Account, which is hereby
43 created in the State General Fund. The money in the Educational
44 Trust Account may be expended only as authorized by the
45 Legislature for educational purposes.



1 **Sec. 34.** NRS 244.406 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 244.406 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
3 office of coordinator of services for veterans must be supported
4 from money in the county general fund and from any gifts or grants
5 received by the county for the support of the office.

6 2. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates
7 the office of coordinator of services for veterans is authorized to
8 accept funds from the ~~Executive~~ Director ~~for~~ *of the Department*
9 *of Veterans Services* pursuant to subsection 8 of NRS 417.090 for
10 the support of the office.

11 3. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates
12 the office of coordinator of services for veterans may enter into an
13 agreement with the Health Division of the Department of Health and
14 Human Services for the purpose of obtaining federal matching funds
15 to contribute to the salaries and expenses of the office of coordinator
16 of services for veterans for its activities which are reasonably related
17 to the programs of the Health Division of the Department of Health
18 and Human Services and which benefit or result in cost avoidance
19 for the Health Division.

20 4. The board of county commissioners of a county that creates
21 the office of coordinator of services for veterans shall, on or before
22 February 1 of each odd-numbered year, submit a report to the
23 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for distribution to each
24 regular session of the Legislature describing the efficiency and
25 effectiveness of the office. The report must include, without
26 limitation, the number, total value and average value of the benefits
27 received by the office on behalf of veterans, their spouses and their
28 dependents.

29 **Sec. 35.** (Deleted by amendment.)

30 **Sec. 36.** (Deleted by amendment.)

31 **Sec. 37.** NRS 361.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 361.090 1. The property, to the extent of \$2,000 assessed
33 valuation, of any actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada
34 who:

35 (a) Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active
36 duty, who was assigned to active duty at some time between
37 April 21, 1898, and June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and
38 November 11, 1918, or between December 7, 1941, and
39 December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or
40 between September 26, 1982, and December 1, 1987, or between
41 October 23, 1983, and November 21, 1983, or between
42 December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990, or between August 2,
43 1990, and April 11, 1991, or between December 5, 1992, and
44 March 31, 1994, or between November 20, 1995, and December 20,
45 1996;



1 (b) Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out
2 the authorization granted to the President of the United States in
3 Public Law 102-1; or

4 (c) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or
5 expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the
6 Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days
7 served on active duty,

8 ➔ and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable
9 discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed
10 Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving
11 in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.

12 2. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 assessed
13 valuation of property in which an applicant has any interest shall be
14 deemed the property of the applicant.

15 3. The exemption may be allowed only to a claimant who files
16 an affidavit with his or her claim for exemption on real property
17 pursuant to NRS 361.155. The affidavit may be filed at any time by
18 a person claiming exemption from taxation on personal property.

19 4. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a
20 notary public and filed with the county assessor. It must state that
21 the affiant is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who meets
22 all the other requirements of subsection 1 and that the exemption is
23 not claimed in any other county in this State. After the filing of the
24 original affidavit, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise
25 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

26 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

27 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift
28 Account for *the Veterans ~~Homes~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*
29 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*
30 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

31 ➔ to the person each year following a year in which the exemption
32 was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate
33 its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so
34 requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor
35 may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by
36 mail. The county assessor may authorize the return of the form by
37 electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 719
38 of NRS.

39 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the
40 period of such service from filing the annual forms for renewal of
41 the exemption, and the county assessors shall continue to grant the
42 exemption to such persons on the basis of the original affidavits
43 filed. In the case of any person who has entered the military service
44 without having previously made and filed an affidavit of exemption,



1 the affidavit may be filed in his or her behalf during the period of
2 such service by any person having knowledge of the facts.

3 6. Before allowing any veteran's exemption pursuant to the
4 provisions of this chapter, the county assessor shall require proof of
5 status of the veteran, and for that purpose shall require production of
6 an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory service or a
7 certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as may be
8 necessary.

9 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to
10 the county assessor or a notary public and, as a result of the false
11 affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to
12 which the person is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross
13 misdemeanor.

14 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary
15 amounts in subsections 1 and 2 must be adjusted for each fiscal year
16 by adding to the amount the product of the amount multiplied by the
17 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from
18 July 2003 to the July preceding the fiscal year for which the
19 adjustment is calculated. The Department shall provide to each
20 county assessor the adjusted amount, in writing, on or before
21 September 30 of each year.

22 **Sec. 38.** NRS 361.0905 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 361.0905 1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption
24 pursuant to NRS 361.090 or 361.091 may, in lieu of claiming the
25 exemption:

26 (a) Pay to the county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* all or any portion of
27 the amount by which the tax would be reduced if the person claimed
28 the exemption; and

29 (b) Direct the county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* to deposit that
30 amount for credit to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~
31 *Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans*
32 *Home in Northern Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145.

33 2. Any person who wishes to waive his or her exemption
34 pursuant to this section shall designate the amount to be credited to
35 ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account on a form provided by the Nevada Tax
36 Commission.

37 3. The county ~~assessor~~ *tax receiver* shall deposit any money
38 received pursuant to this section with the State Treasurer for credit
39 to the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern*
40 *Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*
41 *Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145. The State Treasurer
42 shall not accept more than a total of \$2,000,000 for credit to ~~the~~ *a*
43 *Gift* Account pursuant to this section and NRS 371.1035 during any
44 fiscal year.



1 **Sec. 39.** NRS 361.091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 361.091 1. A bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who
3 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and has been
4 honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States,
5 or his or her surviving spouse, is entitled to an exemption.

6 2. The amount of exemption is based on the total percentage of
7 permanent service-connected disability. The maximum allowable
8 exemption for total permanent disability is the first \$20,000 assessed
9 valuation. A person with a permanent service-connected disability
10 of:

11 (a) Eighty to 99 percent, inclusive, is entitled to an exemption of
12 \$15,000 assessed value.

13 (b) Sixty to 79 percent, inclusive, is entitled to an exemption of
14 \$10,000 assessed value.

15 ➔ For the purposes of this section, any property in which an
16 applicant has any interest is deemed to be the property of the
17 applicant.

18 3. The exemption may be allowed only to a claimant who has
19 filed an affidavit with his or her claim for exemption on real
20 property pursuant to NRS 361.155. The affidavit may be made at
21 any time by a person claiming an exemption from taxation on
22 personal property.

23 4. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or a
24 notary public and be filed with the county assessor. It must state that
25 the affiant is a bona fide resident of the State of Nevada, that the
26 affiant meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 and that the
27 exemption is not claimed in any other county within this State. After
28 the filing of the original affidavit, the county assessor shall, except
29 as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

30 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

31 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift
32 Account for *the Veterans ~~Homes~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*
33 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*
34 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

35 ➔ to the person each year following a year in which the exemption
36 was allowed for that person. The form must be designed to facilitate
37 its return by mail by the person claiming the exemption. If so
38 requested by the person claiming the exemption, the county assessor
39 may provide the form to the person by electronic means in lieu of by
40 mail. The county assessor may authorize the return of the form by
41 electronic means in accordance with the provisions of chapter 719
42 of NRS.

43 5. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of
44 this section, the county assessor shall require proof of the



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1 applicant's status, and for that purpose shall require the applicant to
2 produce an original or certified copy of:

3 (a) An honorable discharge or other document of honorable
4 separation from the Armed Forces of the United States which
5 indicates the total percentage of his or her permanent service-
6 connected disability;

7 (b) A certificate of satisfactory service which indicates the total
8 percentage of his or her permanent service-connected disability; or

9 (c) A certificate from the *United States* Department of Veterans
10 Affairs or any other military document which shows that he or she
11 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and which
12 indicates the total percentage of that disability, together with a
13 certificate of honorable discharge or satisfactory service.

14 6. A surviving spouse claiming an exemption pursuant to this
15 section must file with the county assessor an affidavit declaring that:

16 (a) The surviving spouse was married to and living with the
17 veteran who incurred a permanent service-connected disability for
18 the 5 years preceding his or her death;

19 (b) The veteran was eligible for the exemption at the time of his
20 or her death or would have been eligible if the veteran had been a
21 resident of the State of Nevada;

22 (c) The surviving spouse has not remarried; and

23 (d) The surviving spouse is a bona fide resident of the State of
24 Nevada.

25 ➔ The affidavit required by this subsection is in addition to the
26 certification required pursuant to subsections 4 and 5. After the
27 filing of the original affidavit required by this subsection, the county
28 assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail
29 a form for renewal of the exemption to the person each year
30 following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that
31 person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by
32 the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person
33 claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form
34 to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail. The county
35 assessor may authorize the return of the form by electronic means in
36 accordance with the provisions of chapter 719 of NRS.

37 7. If a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran submits, as
38 proof of disability, documentation that indicates a percentage of
39 permanent service-connected disability for more than one permanent
40 service-connected disability, the amount of the exemption must be
41 based on the total of those combined percentages, not to exceed 100
42 percent.

43 8. If a tax exemption is allowed under this section, the claimant
44 is not entitled to an exemption under NRS 361.090.



1 9. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to
2 the county assessor or a notary public and, as a result of the false
3 affidavit or false proof, the person is allowed a tax exemption to
4 which the person is not entitled, the person is guilty of a gross
5 misdemeanor.

6 10. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary
7 amounts in subsection 2 must be adjusted for each fiscal year by
8 adding to the amount the product of the amount multiplied by the
9 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) from
10 July 2003 to the July preceding the fiscal year for which the
11 adjustment is calculated. The Department shall provide to each
12 county assessor the adjusted amount, in writing, on or before
13 September 30 of each year.

14 **Sec. 40.** NRS 361.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 361.155 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section:

16 (a) All claims for personal tax exemptions on real property, the
17 initial claim of an organization for a tax exemption on real property
18 and the designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account
19 for *the Veterans ~~Home~~ Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*
20 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* pursuant to
21 NRS 361.0905 must be filed on or before June 15.

22 (b) An initial claim for a tax exemption on real property
23 acquired after June 15 and before July 1 must be filed on or before
24 July 5.

25 2. All exemptions provided for pursuant to this chapter apply
26 on a fiscal year basis, and any exemption granted pursuant to this
27 chapter must not be in an amount which gives the taxpayer a total
28 exemption greater than that to which the taxpayer is entitled during
29 any fiscal year.

30 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each claim for
31 an exemption provided for pursuant to this chapter must be filed
32 with the county assessor of:

33 (a) The county in which the claimant resides for personal tax
34 exemptions; or

35 (b) Each county in which property is located for the tax
36 exemption of an organization.

37 4. After the initial claim for an exemption pursuant to NRS
38 361.088 or 361.098 to 361.150, inclusive, an organization is not
39 required to file annual claims if the property remains exempt. If any
40 portion of the property loses its exemption pursuant to NRS 361.157
41 or for any other reason becomes taxable, the organization must
42 notify the county assessor.

43 5. If an exemption is granted or renewed in error because of an
44 incorrect claim or failure of an organization to give the notice
45 required by subsection 4, the assessor shall assess the taxable



1 portion of the property retroactively pursuant to NRS 361.769 and a
2 penalty of 10 percent of the tax due for the current year and any
3 prior years may be added.

4 6. If a claim for a tax exemption on real property and any
5 required affidavit or other documentation in support of the claim is
6 not filed within the time required by subsection 1, or if a claim for a
7 tax exemption is denied by the county assessor, the person claiming
8 the exemption may, on or before January 15 of the fiscal year for
9 which the claim of exemption is made, file the claim and any
10 required documentation in support of the claim with the county
11 board of equalization of the county in which the claim is required to
12 be filed pursuant to subsection 3. The county board of equalization
13 shall review the claim of exemption and may grant or deny the
14 claim for that fiscal year, as it determines to be appropriate. The
15 State Board of Equalization shall establish procedures for:

16 (a) The review of a claim of exemption by a county board of
17 equalization pursuant to this subsection; and

18 (b) The appeal to the State Board of Equalization of the denial
19 of a claim of exemption by a county board of equalization pursuant
20 to this subsection.

21 **Sec. 41.** NRS 371.103 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 371.103 1. Vehicles, to the extent of \$2,000 determined
23 valuation, registered by any actual bona fide resident of the State of
24 Nevada who:

25 (a) Has served a minimum of 90 days on active duty, who was
26 assigned to active duty at some time between April 21, 1898, and
27 June 15, 1903, or between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918,
28 or between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, or between
29 June 25, 1950, and May 7, 1975, or between September 26, 1982,
30 and December 1, 1987, or between October 23, 1983, and
31 November 21, 1983, or between December 20, 1989, and
32 January 31, 1990, or between August 2, 1990, and April 11, 1991,
33 or between December 5, 1992, and March 31, 1994, or between
34 November 20, 1995, and December 20, 1996;

35 (b) Has served a minimum of 90 continuous days on active duty
36 none of which was for training purposes, who was assigned to active
37 duty at some time between January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975;

38 (c) Has served on active duty in connection with carrying out
39 the authorization granted to the President of the United States in
40 Public Law 102-1; or

41 (d) Has served on active duty in connection with a campaign or
42 expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the
43 Government of the United States, regardless of the number of days
44 served on active duty,



1 ↪ and who received, upon severance from service, an honorable
2 discharge or certificate of satisfactory service from the Armed
3 Forces of the United States, or who, having so served, is still serving
4 in the Armed Forces of the United States, is exempt from taxation.

5 2. In lieu of claiming the exemption from taxation set forth in
6 subsection 1 in his or her name, a veteran may transfer the
7 exemption to his or her current spouse. To transfer the exemption,
8 the veteran must file an affidavit of transfer with the Department in
9 the county where the exemption would otherwise have been
10 claimed. The affidavit of transfer must be made before the county
11 assessor or a notary public. If a veteran makes such a transfer:

12 (a) The spouse of the veteran is entitled to the exemption in the
13 same manner as if the spouse were the veteran;

14 (b) The veteran is not entitled to the exemption for the duration
15 of the transfer;

16 (c) The transfer expires upon the earlier of:

17 (1) The termination of the marriage;

18 (2) The death of the veteran; or

19 (3) The revocation of the transfer by the veteran as described
20 in paragraph (d); and

21 (d) The veteran may, at any time, revoke the transfer of the
22 exemption by filing with the Department in the county where the
23 exemption is claimed an affidavit made before the county assessor
24 or a notary public.

25 3. For the purpose of this section, the first \$2,000 determined
26 valuation of vehicles in which a person described in subsection 1 or
27 2 has any interest shall be deemed to belong to that person.

28 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, a person
29 claiming the exemption shall file annually with the Department in
30 the county where the exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring
31 that he or she is an actual bona fide resident of the State of Nevada
32 who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as
33 applicable, and that the exemption is claimed in no other county in
34 this State. The affidavit must be made before the county assessor or
35 a notary public. After the filing of the original affidavit of
36 exemption and after the transfer of the exemption, if any, pursuant
37 to subsection 2, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise
38 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

39 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

40 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift
41 Account for *the Veterans ~~Homes~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*
42 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*
43 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

44 ↪ to the person who claimed the exemption each year following a
45 year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form



1 must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person
2 claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the
3 exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person
4 by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

5 5. Persons in actual military service are exempt during the
6 period of such service from filing annual affidavits of exemption
7 and the Department shall grant exemptions to those persons on the
8 basis of the original affidavits filed. In the case of any person who
9 has entered the military service without having previously made and
10 filed an affidavit of exemption, the affidavit may be filed in his or
11 her behalf during the period of such service by any person having
12 knowledge of the facts.

13 6. Before allowing any veteran's exemption pursuant to the
14 provisions of this chapter, the Department shall require proof of
15 status of the veteran or, if a transfer has been made pursuant to
16 subsection 2, proof of status of the veteran to whom the person
17 claiming the exemption is married, and for that purpose shall require
18 production of an honorable discharge or certificate of satisfactory
19 service or a certified copy thereof, or such other proof of status as
20 may be necessary.

21 7. If any person files a false affidavit or produces false proof to
22 the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof a
23 tax exemption is allowed to a person not entitled to the exemption,
24 the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

25 8. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary
26 amounts in subsections 1 and 3 must be adjusted for each fiscal year
27 by adding to each amount the product of the amount multiplied by
28 the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items)
29 from December 2003 to the December preceding the fiscal year for
30 which the adjustment is calculated.

31 **Sec. 42.** NRS 371.1035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 371.1035 1. Any person who qualifies for an exemption
33 pursuant to NRS 371.103 or 371.104 may, in lieu of claiming the
34 exemption:

35 (a) Pay to the Department all or any portion of the amount by
36 which the tax would be reduced if the person claimed the
37 exemption; and

38 (b) Direct the Department to deposit that amount for credit to
39 the Gift Account for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern*
40 *Nevada or the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern*
41 *Nevada* established pursuant to NRS 417.145.

42 2. Any person who wishes to waive his or her exemption
43 pursuant to this section shall designate the amount to be credited to
44 ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account on a form provided by the Department.



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1 3. The Department shall deposit any money received pursuant
2 to this section with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account
3 for *the* Veterans ~~Home~~ *Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*
4 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* established
5 pursuant to NRS 417.145. The State Treasurer shall not accept more
6 than a total of \$2,000,000 for credit to ~~the~~ *a Gift* Account pursuant
7 to this section and NRS 361.0905 during any fiscal year.

8 **Sec. 43.** NRS 371.104 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 371.104 1. A bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who
10 has incurred a permanent service-connected disability and has been
11 honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States,
12 or his or her surviving spouse, is entitled to a veteran's exemption
13 from the payment of governmental services taxes on vehicles of the
14 following determined valuations:

15 (a) If he or she has a disability of 100 percent, the first \$20,000
16 of determined valuation.

17 (b) If he or she has a disability of 80 to 99 percent, inclusive, the
18 first \$15,000 of determined valuation.

19 (c) If he or she has a disability of 60 to 79 percent, inclusive, the
20 first \$10,000 of determined valuation.

21 2. In lieu of claiming the exemption from taxation set forth in
22 subsection 1 in his or her name, a veteran may transfer the
23 exemption to his or her current spouse. To transfer the exemption,
24 the veteran must file an affidavit of transfer with the Department in
25 the county where the exemption would otherwise have been
26 claimed. The affidavit of transfer must be made before the county
27 assessor or a notary public. If a veteran makes such a transfer:

28 (a) The spouse of the veteran is entitled to the exemption in the
29 same manner as if the spouse were the veteran;

30 (b) The veteran is not entitled to the exemption for the duration
31 of the transfer;

32 (c) The transfer expires upon the earlier of:

33 (1) The termination of the marriage;

34 (2) The death of the veteran; or

35 (3) The revocation of the transfer by the veteran as described
36 in paragraph (d); and

37 (d) The veteran may, at any time, revoke the transfer of the
38 exemption by filing with the Department in the county where the
39 exemption is claimed an affidavit made before the county assessor
40 or a notary public.

41 3. For the purpose of this section, the first \$20,000 of
42 determined valuation of vehicles in which a person described in
43 subsection 1 or 2 has any interest shall be deemed to belong entirely
44 to that person.



1 4. A person claiming the exemption shall file annually with the
2 Department in the county where the exemption is claimed an
3 affidavit declaring that he or she is a bona fide resident of the State
4 of Nevada who meets all the other requirements of subsection 1 or
5 2, as applicable, and that the exemption is claimed in no other
6 county within this State. After the filing of the original affidavit of
7 exemption and after the transfer of the exemption, if any, pursuant
8 to subsection 2, the county assessor shall, except as otherwise
9 provided in this subsection, mail a form for:

10 (a) The renewal of the exemption; and

11 (b) The designation of any amount to be credited to the Gift
12 Account for *the Veterans ~~Home~~ Home in Southern Nevada or*
13 *the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada*
14 established pursuant to NRS 417.145,

15 ➔ to the person who claimed the exemption each year following a
16 year in which the exemption was allowed for that person. The form
17 must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by the person
18 claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person claiming the
19 exemption, the county assessor may provide the form to the person
20 by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

21 5. Before allowing any exemption pursuant to the provisions of
22 this section, the Department shall require proof of the veteran's
23 status, and for that purpose shall require production of:

24 (a) A certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs that
25 the veteran has incurred a permanent service-connected disability,
26 which shows the percentage of that disability; and

27 (b) Any one of the following:

28 (1) An honorable discharge;

29 (2) A certificate of satisfactory service; or

30 (3) A certified copy of either of these documents.

31 6. A surviving spouse claiming an exemption pursuant to this
32 section must file with the Department in the county where the
33 exemption is claimed an affidavit declaring that:

34 (a) The surviving spouse was married to and living with the
35 veteran with a disability for the 5 years preceding his or her death;

36 (b) The veteran with a disability was eligible for the exemption
37 at the time of his or her death or, if not for a transfer of the
38 exemption pursuant to subsection 2, would have been eligible for
39 the exemption at the time of his or her death; and

40 (c) The surviving spouse has not remarried.

41 ➔ The affidavit required by this subsection is in addition to the
42 certification required pursuant to subsections 4 and 5. After the
43 filing of the original affidavit required by this subsection, the county
44 assessor shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, mail
45 a form for renewal of the exemption to the person each year



1 following a year in which the exemption was allowed for that
2 person. The form must be designed to facilitate its return by mail by
3 the person claiming the exemption. If so requested by the person
4 claiming the exemption, the county assessor may provide the form
5 to the person by electronic means in lieu of by mail.

6 7. If a tax exemption is allowed under this section, the veteran
7 and his or her current spouse are not entitled to an exemption under
8 NRS 371.103.

9 8. If any person makes a false affidavit or produces false proof
10 to the Department, and as a result of the false affidavit or false proof
11 the person is allowed a tax exemption to which he or she is not
12 entitled, the person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

13 9. Beginning with the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, the monetary
14 amounts in subsections 1 and 3 must be adjusted for each fiscal year
15 by adding to each amount the product of the amount multiplied by
16 the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items)
17 from December 2003 to the December preceding the fiscal year for
18 which the adjustment is calculated.

19 **Sec. 44.** NRS 371.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 371.105 Claims pursuant to NRS 371.101, 371.102, 371.103 or
21 371.104 for tax exemption on the governmental services tax and
22 designations of any amount to be credited to the Gift Account for
23 *the Veterans ~~Homestead~~ Home in Southern Nevada or the Gift*
24 *Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada* pursuant to
25 NRS 371.1035 must be filed annually at any time on or before the
26 date when payment of the tax is due. All exemptions provided for in
27 this section must not be in an amount which gives the taxpayer a
28 total exemption greater than that to which the taxpayer is entitled
29 during any fiscal year.

30 **Sec. 45.** NRS 389.810 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 389.810 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this title to the
32 contrary, a person who:

33 (a) Left high school before graduating to serve in the Armed
34 Forces of the United States during:

35 (1) World War II and so served at any time between
36 September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946;

37 (2) The Korean War and so served at any time between
38 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955; or

39 (3) The Vietnam Era and so served at any time between
40 January 1, 1961, and May 7, 1975;

41 (b) Was discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States
42 under honorable conditions; and

43 (c) As a result of his or her service in the Armed Forces of the
44 United States, did not receive a high school diploma,



1 ↳ shall be deemed to have earned sufficient credits to receive a
2 standard high school diploma.

3 2. A school district may, upon request, issue a standard high
4 school diploma to any person who meets the requirements set forth
5 in subsection 1. A school district may issue a standard high school
6 diploma to such a person even if the person:

7 (a) Holds a general educational development credential or its
8 equivalent; or

9 (b) Is deceased, if the family of the veteran requests the issuance
10 of the diploma.

11 3. The State Board and the ~~Office~~ *Department* of Veterans
12 Services shall work cooperatively to establish guidelines for
13 identifying and issuing standard high school diplomas to persons
14 pursuant to this section.

15 4. A person to whom a standard high school diploma is issued
16 pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a pupil for the
17 purposes of this title.

18 **Sec. 46.** NRS 407.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 407.065 1. The Administrator, subject to the approval of the
20 Director:

21 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, may
22 establish, name, plan, operate, control, protect, develop and
23 maintain state parks, monuments and recreational areas for the use
24 of the general public. The name of an existing state park, monument
25 or recreational area may not be changed unless the Legislature
26 approves the change by statute.

27 (b) Shall protect state parks and property controlled or
28 administered by the Division from misuse or damage and preserve
29 the peace within those areas. The Administrator may appoint or
30 designate certain employees of the Division to have the general
31 authority of peace officers.

32 (c) May allow multiple use of state parks and real property
33 controlled or administered by the Division for any lawful purpose,
34 including, but not limited to, grazing, mining, development of
35 natural resources, hunting and fishing, in accordance with such
36 regulations as may be adopted in furtherance of the purposes of the
37 Division.

38 (d) ~~Shall~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,*
39 *shall* impose and collect reasonable fees for entering, camping and
40 boating in state parks and recreational areas. The Division shall
41 issue ~~upon application therefor and proof of residency and age,~~
42 an annual permit for entering, camping and boating in all state parks
43 and recreational areas in this State :

44 *(1) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and*
45 *age,* to any person who is 65 years of age or older and has resided in



1 this State for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date on
2 which the application is submitted.

3 *(2) Upon application therefor and proof of residency and*
4 *proof of status as described in subsection 5 of NRS 361.091, to a*
5 *bona fide resident of the State of Nevada who has incurred a*
6 *permanent service-connected disability of 10 percent or more and*
7 *has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the*
8 *United States.*

9 ➔ The permit must be issued without charge, except that the
10 Division shall charge and collect an administrative fee for the
11 issuance of the permit in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of
12 issuing the permit.

13 (e) May conduct and operate such special services as may be
14 necessary for the comfort and convenience of the general public,
15 and impose and collect reasonable fees for such special services.

16 (f) May rent or lease concessions located within the boundaries
17 of state parks or of real property controlled or administered by the
18 Division to public or private corporations, to groups of natural
19 persons, or to natural persons for a valuable consideration upon such
20 terms and conditions as the Division deems fit and proper, but no
21 concessionaire may dominate any state park operation.

22 (g) May establish such capital projects construction funds as are
23 necessary to account for the parks improvements program approved
24 by the Legislature. The money in these funds must be used for the
25 construction and improvement of those parks which are under the
26 supervision of the Administrator.

27 (h) In addition to any concession specified in paragraph (f), may
28 establish concessions within the boundaries of any state park to
29 provide for the sale of food, drinks, ice, publications, sundries, gifts
30 and souvenirs, and other such related items as the Administrator
31 determines are appropriately made available to visitors. Any money
32 received by the Administrator for a concession established pursuant
33 to this paragraph must be deposited in the Fund for State Park
34 Interpretative and Educational Programs and Operation of
35 Concessions.

36 2. The Administrator:

37 (a) Shall issue an annual permit to a person who pays a
38 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the
39 holder of the permit to enter each state park and each recreational
40 area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,
41 use the facilities of the state park or recreational area without paying
42 the entrance fee; and

43 (b) May issue an annual permit to a person who pays a
44 reasonable fee as prescribed by regulation which authorizes the
45 holder of the permit to enter a specific state park or specific



1 recreational area in this State and, except as otherwise provided in
2 subsection 3, use the facilities of the state park or recreational area
3 without paying the entrance fee.

4 3. An annual permit issued pursuant to subsection 2 does not
5 authorize the holder of the permit to engage in camping or boating,
6 or to attend special events. The holder of such a permit who wishes
7 to engage in camping or boating, or to attend special events, must
8 pay any fee established for the respective activity.

9 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS
10 407.0762 and subsection 1 of NRS 407.0765, the fees collected
11 pursuant to paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subsection 1 or subsection
12 2 must be deposited in the State General Fund.

13 **Sec. 47.** NRS 482.3764 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 482.3764 1. Before the Department issues to any person,
15 pursuant to NRS 482.3763:

16 (a) An initial set of special license plates, it shall:

17 (1) Collect a special fee for the support of outreach programs
18 and services for veterans and their families in the amount of \$25;
19 and

20 (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant
21 who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

22 (b) An annual renewal sticker, it shall:

23 (1) Collect a special fee for the support of outreach programs
24 and services for veterans and their families in the amount of \$20;
25 and

26 (2) Affix a decal to each plate if requested by an applicant
27 who meets the requirements set forth in NRS 482.37635.

28 2. The Department shall deposit all money collected pursuant to
29 this section with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account
30 for Veterans created by subsection ~~8~~ 9 of NRS 417.145.

31 **Sec. 48.** NRS 483.292 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 483.292 1. When a person applies to the Department for an
33 instruction permit or driver's license pursuant to NRS 483.290, the
34 Department shall inquire whether the person desires to declare that
35 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

36 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that
37 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
38 person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he
39 or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the
40 United States.

41 3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she
42 is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
43 Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only
44 numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

45 4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:



1 (a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during
2 the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection
3 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;
4 and

5 (b) Transmit that number to the ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of
6 Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

7 **Sec. 49.** NRS 483.852 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 483.852 1. When a person applies to the Department for an
9 identification card pursuant to NRS 483.850, the Department shall
10 inquire whether the person desires to declare that he or she is a
11 veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

12 2. If the person desires to declare pursuant to subsection 1 that
13 he or she is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
14 person shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Department that he
15 or she has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the
16 United States.

17 3. If the person declares pursuant to subsection 1 that he or she
18 is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, the
19 Department shall count the declaration and maintain it only
20 numerically in a record kept by the Department for that purpose.

21 4. The Department shall, at least once each quarter:

22 (a) Compile the aggregate number of persons who have, during
23 the immediately preceding quarter, declared pursuant to subsection
24 1 that they are veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;
25 and

26 (b) Transmit that number to the ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of
27 Veterans Services to be used for statistical purposes.

28 **Sec. 50.** NRS 642.0197 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 642.0197 1. A funeral director who obtains custody of the
30 unclaimed human remains of a deceased person whom the funeral
31 director knows, has reason to know or reasonably believes is a
32 veteran shall report the name of the deceased person to the ~~{Office}~~
33 *Department* of Veterans Services not later than 1 year after
34 obtaining custody of the unclaimed human remains of the deceased
35 person.

36 2. Upon receipt of a report made pursuant to subsection 1, the
37 ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of Veterans Services shall determine whether
38 the deceased person is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a
39 national cemetery pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 2402 or a veterans
40 cemetery pursuant to NRS 417.210. The ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of
41 Veterans Services shall provide notice of the determination to the
42 funeral director.

43 3. If the ~~{Office}~~ *Department* of Veterans Services provides
44 notice to a funeral director of a determination that a deceased person
45 is a veteran who is eligible for interment at a national cemetery or a



1 veterans cemetery, the funeral director shall arrange for the proper
2 disposition of the veteran's remains with:

- 3 (a) A national cemetery or veterans cemetery; or
- 4 (b) The ~~Office~~ **Department** of Veterans Services.

5 4. A funeral director is immune from civil or criminal liability
6 for any act or omission with respect to complying with the
7 provisions of this section.

8 5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed
9 to it in NRS 176A.090.

10 **Sec. 51.** NRS 417.040 and 417.050 are hereby repealed.

11 **Sec. 52.** The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing
12 supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately
13 change any references to an officer, agency or other entity whose
14 name is changed or whose responsibilities are transferred pursuant
15 to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate officer,
16 agency or other entity.

17 **Sec. 53.** If the name of a fund or account is changed pursuant
18 to the provisions of this act, the State Controller shall change the
19 designation of the name of the fund or account without making any
20 transfer of the money in the fund or account. The assets and
21 liabilities of such a fund or account are unaffected by the change of
22 the name.

23 **Sec. 54.** Any regulations adopted by the Executive Director of
24 the Office of Veterans Services before October 1, 2013, pursuant to
25 NRS 417.020 remain in effect and may be enforced by the Director
26 of the Department of Veterans Services until the Director of the
27 Department of Veterans Services adopts regulations to repeal or
28 replace those regulations.

29 **Sec. 55.** The Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of
30 Veterans Services to purchase, construct, lease, renovate or acquire
31 by lease-purchase a veterans home in northern Nevada.

32 **Sec. 56.** On or before October 1, 2013, the Governor shall
33 appoint the members of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs
34 pursuant to paragraph (k) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

417.040 Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director:
Terms of office. The term of office of the Executive Director or
Deputy Executive Director is 4 years, terminating on July 1 of the
first year of the Governor's term of office.



**417.050 Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director:
Vacancies; removal from office; absence from office.**

1. Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director, the Governor shall appoint a successor to that office within 30 days after the vacancy.

2. The Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director may be removed from office at any time on failure to perform the duties required by this chapter.

3. The Deputy Executive Director shall assume the duties of the Executive Director in the Executive Director's absence.

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