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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 31, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 31, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and  
3 Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further  
4 providing for State Veterans' Commission.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1702(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission.

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11 (b) Composition.--The commission shall be composed of:

12 (1) The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee.

13 (2) The State commander, commandant or head, or his  
14 designee, of each of the following named veterans'

15 organizations:

16 (i) The American Legion.

17 (ii) AMVETS.

- 1 (iii) Blinded Veterans Association.
- 2 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of  
3 America.
- 4 (v) Disabled American Veterans.
- 5 (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States.
- 6 (vii) Marine Corps League.
- 7 (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- 8 (ix) State Association of County Directors of  
9 Veterans' Affairs.
- 10 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- 11 (xi) (Deleted by amendment).
- 12 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United  
13 States, Inc.
- 14 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
- 15 (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War.
- 16 (xv) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association.
- 17 (xvi) Military Officers Association of America.
- 18 (xvii) The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.
- 19 (xviii) The Navy Club of the United States of  
20 America.

21 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from  
22 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall  
23 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a  
24 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized  
25 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.  
26 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least  
27 one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at  
28 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor  
29 has been appointed.

30 (4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the

1 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign  
2 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting  
3 members.

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5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.