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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Walaska, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: April 07, 2016

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-28-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-28 entitled "Monuments
2 and Memorials" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**30-28-1. Designation of Veterans' Memorial Building.** -- The building acquired by the
4 state for use as a state office building and formerly known as the Masonic Temple, located on
5 Francis Street in the city of Providence, shall be known and designated as the "Veterans'
6 Memorial Building."~~

7 SECTION 2. Sections 30-28-2, 30-28-3 and 30-28-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-
8 28 entitled "Monuments and Memorials" are hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **30-28-2. Allocation of building space.** -- The governor is authorized and empowered to
10 direct and advise the director of the department of administration to make available such space as
11 may reasonably be allocated in the ~~Veterans' Memorial Building~~ William F. Powers Building,
12 One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, to the united veterans' council for use as
13 headquarters by the following chartered veterans' organizations:

- 14 (1) The American Legion;
15 (2) Veterans of Foreign Wars;
16 (3) Disabled American Veterans ~~of World War I~~;
17 (4) ~~United Spanish War Veterans~~ Military Women Across the Nation;
18 (5) American Veterans of World War II;
19 (6) Jewish War Veterans of Rhode Island;

- 1 (7) The Marine Corps League;
- 2 (8) The Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated;
- 3 (9) ~~The Franco-American War Veterans, Inc.~~ [Korean War Veterans](#);
- 4 (10) Vietnam Veterans of America; and
- 5 (11) Any other chartered veterans' organization.

6 **~~30-28-3. Organizations accommodated in memorial building.~~** **Organizations**
7 **accommodated in the William F. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode**
8 **Island 02908.** -- The director of administration shall direct ~~the architect to include in his final~~
9 ~~plans~~ such areas as may be reasonably allocated to the following chartered veterans'
10 organizations: The American legion; veterans of foreign wars; Disabled American veterans ~~of~~
11 ~~world war I; United Spanish war veterans~~ [Korean War Veterans](#); American veterans of world war
12 II; Jewish war veterans of Rhode Island; The Marine corps league; [Military Women Across the](#)
13 [Nation](#); The Italian American war veterans of the United States, incorporated.

14 **30-28-4. Office equipment of veterans' organizations.** -- Proper office equipment shall
15 be furnished and supplied for each state department of chartered veterans' organizations located in
16 the ~~Veterans' Memorial Building~~ [William F. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence,](#)
17 [Rhode Island 02908](#), without cost to the organization.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide space for veterans' organizations in the William F. Powers
2 Building and would add additional chartered veterans' organizations to the list of veterans' groups
3 who are serviced.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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