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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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2 and Memorials" is hereby repealed.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, RI or any other substantially equivalent space to be provided by the  
13 department of administration to the united veterans' council for use as headquarters by the  
14 following chartered veterans' organizations:

- 15 (1) The American Legion;  
16 (2) Veterans of Foreign Wars;  
17 (3) Disabled American Veterans ~~of World War I~~;  
18 (4) ~~United Spanish War Veterans~~ Military Women Across the Nation Unit 118;  
19 (5) American Veterans (AMVETS) ~~of World War II~~;

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

7 **30-28-3. ~~Organizations accommodated in memorial building~~ Organizations**  
8 **accommodated in The William F. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI. --** The  
9 director of administration shall direct ~~the architect to include in his final plans~~ such areas as may  
10 be reasonably allocated to the following chartered veterans' organizations: The American legion;  
11 veterans of foreign wars; Disabled American veterans ~~of world war I; United Spanish war~~  
12 ~~veterans~~ [Korean War veterans](#); American veterans [\(AMVETS\)](#) ~~of world war II~~; Jewish war  
13 veterans of Rhode Island; The Marine corps league; [Military Women Across the Nation Unit 118](#);  
14 The Italian American war veterans of the United States, incorporated.

15 **30-28-4. Office equipment of veterans' organizations. --** Proper office equipment shall  
16 be furnished and supplied for each state department of chartered veterans' organizations located in  
17 ~~the Veterans' Memorial Building~~ [William F. Powers Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI](#)  
18 [or any other substantially equivalent space to be provided by the department of administration](#)  
19 without cost to the organization.

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

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1           This act would correct the law reflecting the relocation space for veterans' organizations  
2 to the William F. Powers Building and would add additional chartered veterans' organizations to  
3 the list of veterans' groups who are serviced.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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