



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 902

SENATE BILL NO. 2306

By Campbell, Crowe, Akbari, Gilmore, Kyle, Lamar, Powers, Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2220

By Hodges, Jernigan, White, Kumar, Crawford, Curtis Johnson, Holsclaw, Rudd, Moon, Halford, Gary Hicks, Williams, Marsh, Zachary, Littleton, Mannis, Hazlewood, Faison, Tim Hicks, Boyd, Russell, Farmer, Carringer, Cochran, Vital, Rudder, Hulsey, Campbell, Love, Beck, Cepicky, Dixie, Parkinson, Powers, Lafferty, Helton; Mr. Speaker Cameron Sexton; Moody, Terry, Doggett, Freeman, Weaver, Sherrell, Windle, Wright, Haston, Hardaway, Ogles, Alexander, Reedy, Eldridge, Harris, Camper, Whitson, Ragan, Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to military veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (j):

(1) This subsection (j) applies only if an attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner signing the medical certification of the cause of death of a military veteran:

- (A) Knows that the deceased person was a United States military veteran; and
- (B) Is provided with access to the veteran's medical records.

(2) If the requirements of subdivision (j)(1) have been met, then prior to signing the medical certification of the cause of death of a United States military veteran, the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner shall conduct a review of the veteran's medical records, including records made available from the United States department of veterans affairs, to determine if a service-connected disability was the principal or a major contributory cause of death, including when a concurrent or comorbid health condition, such as COVID-19, existed. If a service-connected disability was the principal or a major contributory cause of death, then the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner shall include the finding on the medical certification.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502(c)(1), is amended by adding the phrase "or to obtain a veteran's medical records pursuant to subsection (j)" at the end of the first sentence.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 7, 2022



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR