

ENROLLED ACT NO. 23, SENATE

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2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to military affairs; specifying duties of the veterans' commission; requiring the promulgation of rules; authorizing the employment of a veterans' commission director and staff; renumbering related statutes; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-107(c)(iii), (iv) and by creating new paragraphs (v) through (xi) is amended to read:

**19-14-107. Creation of veterans' commission; composition; terms.**

(c) The commission shall:

(iii) Make recommendations to the legislature and to the governor concerning veterans; ~~and~~

(iv) Adopt policies and procedures necessary to administer the veteran burial team account pursuant to W.S. 19-14-109; ~~i.~~

(v) Prepare, maintain and distribute information, by printed material or otherwise, to educate Wyoming veterans and their families regarding veterans' benefits, healthcare and disability claims, pension claims and other matters relevant to veteran status;

(vi) Provide oversight and administrative services for the operation of any veterans' cemetery authorized by W.S. 19-14-108, including but not limited to establishing cemetery directors and advisory boards;

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(vii) Provide assistance to Wyoming veterans and their families for the filing and processing of veterans' benefits, veterans' healthcare benefits and United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability and pension claims;

(viii) Administer all vehicle licensing obligations required of the commission pursuant to title 31;

(ix) Maintain and administer the veterans' commission expendable trust fund pursuant to rules and procedures which shall be promulgated by the commission and approved by the military department;

(x) To the extent the employment of an executive director would aid in accomplishing the duties required by this section and benefit Wyoming veterans, appoint or retain an executive director for such period, upon such terms and conditions and for such compensation as the commission may deem appropriate. Any appointment shall be made with the approval of the adjutant general and the governor and shall be subject to the removal authority provided by W.S. 9-1-202. An executive director may hire and supervise such other staff as may be authorized by the commission and shall be administratively supported by the military department;

(xi) Perform such other and further tasks as are necessary to carry out the duties imposed by this section or as required by the legislature.

**Section 2.** W.S. 19-7-107 is renumbered as 19-14-110.

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**Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk