

HCS for HB 1490 (3515H.03C)

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| Section | Original Bill | Sponsor | Status as of 3/5/2024 | Description |
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| 42.028 | HB 1490 | Griffith | Underlying Bill | <p>This states that, except as permitted under federal law, no person can receive compensation for advising or assisting any individual with regard to any veterans benefits matter. If someone is advising or assisting any individual with regard to any veterans benefits, he or she cannot guarantee that any individual will receive specific veterans benefits or that any individual is guaranteed to receive a specific level, percentage, or amount of veterans benefits. The individual who is providing the advising services must provide the following disclaimer:</p> <p>"This business is not sponsored by, or affiliated with, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Missouri Veterans Commission, or any other federally chartered veterans service organization. Other organizations, including, but not limited to, the Missouri Veterans Commission, your local veterans service agency, and other federally chartered veterans service organizations, may be able to provide you with this service free of charge. Products or services offered by this business are not necessarily endorsed by any of these organizations. You may qualify for other veterans benefits beyond the benefits for which you are receiving services here."</p> <p>This also prohibits any person from receiving compensation for referring any individual to another person to advise or assist the individual with veterans benefits. Any person who violates the provisions of these provisions can be found guilty of a class A misdemeanor.</p> |

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| 42.022 | HB 1495 | Griffith | Reported to the Senate for First Read (S) | This states the Missouri Veterans Commission must review the provisions of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019, and any regulations related thereto. After review, the Commission, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, must provide recommendations and make efforts to adopt procedures, programs, treatment options, additional aid, and any other assistance deemed necessary by the Commission to assist in the efforts to prevent veteran suicide, subject to appropriation. On or before July 1, 2025, and by every July 1st thereafter the Commission must file a report with the Department of Public Safety and the General Assembly on the recommendations, implementation, and effectiveness of the efforts by the Commission to prevent veteran suicide. |
| 42.312 | HB 1496 | Griffith | Reported Do Pass (H) | This establishes the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program". This Program awards medallions, medals, and certificates of appreciation to a veteran that is a resident of this state, honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time between October 7, 2001, and August 30, 2021, and was honorably separated and discharged from military service. |
| 191.2600, 191.2605, 191.2610, 191.2615, 191.2620, 191.2625, and 191.2630 | HB 2215 | Brown | Public Hearing Complete (H) | <p>This establishes the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Act".</p> <p>This creates the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment and Recovery Fund", which will reimburse facilities that provide hyperbaric oxygen therapy to veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, and be used to conduct studies on the use of alternative therapies for such conditions.</p> <p>This specifies the eligibility criteria and requirements for veterans, facilities, and health care practitioners for reimbursement. The Missouri Veterans Commission must compile an annual report with data about the treatment of hyperbaric oxygen therapy and its effectiveness. The information collected for the report is specified in the bill.</p> <p>This grants the Missouri Veterans Commission and the Department of Health and Senior Services the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of the Act.</p> |

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| 301.3181, 301.3182 | HCS HB 2091 | O'Donnell | Voted Do Pass (H) | This creates special vehicle license plates for veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq. This specifies that any person who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and is either currently serving or honorably discharged, can apply for the plates by providing proof of service and paying a \$15 fee. The plates can be personalized at no extra cost. This states that there is no limit on the number of plates a person can obtain, as long as he or she owns the vehicle, and that the plates are not transferable to anyone else. |
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