

HB 1490 -- VETERAN BENEFITS ADVISORS

SPONSOR: Griffith

In this bill, 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 disclosure:

"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."

This bill 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 this bill can be found guilty of a class A misdemeanor.