

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2673

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to wellness checks for at-risk veterans.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 42, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 42.024, to read as follows:

3 **42.024. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be cited as the**  
4 **"Veterans Well-Being and Resource Outreach Act".**

5 **2. The department of mental health shall develop and implement an initiative to**  
6 **encourage local veterans' organizations and veterans' support organizations to establish**  
7 **programs that provide wellness checks for at-risk veterans described in this section.**

8 **3. A local veterans' organization or veterans' support organization that elects to**  
9 **establish a wellness-check program under this section shall identify veterans at risk of**  
10 **experiencing isolation, homelessness, or mental health issues and invite them to**  
11 **participate in the program. The program shall use noninvasive methods to make initial**  
12 **contact with potentially at-risk veterans.**

13 **4. The program shall provide a wellness check twice each month on each veteran**  
14 **participating in the program.**

15 **5. Each wellness check shall be conducted by a veteran or by a person who has**  
16 **received training on the medical, mental health, housing, and vocational needs of**  
17 **veterans.**

**6. The person who conducts the wellness check shall communicate in real time**  
**with the veteran participant, either in person or by telephonic or electronic means, in**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **order to assess and address the medical, mental health, housing, and vocational needs of**  
19 **the veteran participant.**

20 **7. The department of mental health shall promulgate rules to implement the**  
21 **provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**  
22 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**  
23 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**  
24 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any**  
25 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to**  
26 **delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**  
27 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**  
28 **adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

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