

Military, Veterans, and Indian Affairs

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H120 - National Guard Can Purchase From Correction Enterprises. (SL 2017-154)

S.L. 2017-154 adds National Guard members, employees, and retirees to the list of individuals eligible to purchase from Correction Enterprises, subject to verification through federal or State issued identification, or proof of retirement status.

This act became effective July 21, 2017.

H487 - Nat. Guard Reemployment Rights/Definitions. (SL 2017-156)

S.L. 2017-153 extends the reemployment rights of members of the National Guard to include members called to active duty by any governor, provide a time period for recovery if the member was injured in the line of duty, and defines relevant terms. The act also extends the right to terminate a rental agreement early to active members of the National Guard and Reserve and military technicians, in addition to members of the regular Armed Forces.

The act became effective July 21, 2017.

S62 - Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan. (SL 2017-29)

S.L. 2017-29 requires the Veterans' Affairs Commission (Commission) to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance benefits for veterans and their dependents and to require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to study program outcomes for military veterans and their families. This act became effective June 8, 2017.

S63 - Military Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan. (SL 2017-64)

S.L. 2017-64 requires the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance North Carolina military installations and their missions, to report on the State's performance under the plan annually, and to update the plan every four years.

The act became effective June 28, 2017.

S257 - Appropriations Act of 2017.

Sec. 10.11: In-State Tuition for Veterans/Compliance with Federal Law. (SL 2017-57)

S.L. 2017-57, Sec. 10.11, in compliance with federal law, requires in-state tuition be provided to the following individuals if their abode is in North Carolina and they provide a letter of intent to establish residency in North Carolina: (i) recipients using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. Sec. 3319) while the transferor is on active duty in the Armed Forces, the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and (ii) recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. Sec. 3311(b)(9)).

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

S257 - Appropriations Act of 2017.

Sec. 19.1: Military Affairs Commission/Military Presence Stabilization Fund. (SL 2017-57)

Section 19.1 of S.L. 2017-57 removes the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (Commission) from a commission established within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to one assigned to the Department solely for the provision of administrative services and prohibits the Secretary of DMVA from performing any of the Commission's management functions. This section of the act also provides that the use of funds in the Military Presence Stabilization Fund must be approved by the Commission. This section of the act became effective on July 1, 2017.

S257 - Appropriations Act of 2017.

Sec. 19.2: Scholarships for Children of War Veterans. (SL 2017-57)

Section 19.2 of S.L. 2017-57 adds persons currently serving in a second or subsequent enlistment to the definition of "veteran" for purposes of determining rights and benefits administered by the Veterans' Affairs Commission including scholarships offered to children of eligible veterans. This section also authorizes children of veterans to be considered for a veteran's scholarship under more than one eligibility class as long as the child falls within the provisions and is subject to the limitations of each eligibility class for which the child is being considered. This section of the act became effective on July 1, 2017.

S578 - Veteran-Owned Small Business/Annual Report. (SL 2017-90)

S.L. 2017-90 requires the Secretary of State to compile aggregated data on the number of corporations and limited liability companies and partnerships that are veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses and report the findings to the Department of Military Affairs by March 1st of every year. This act becomes effective January 1, 2018, and applies to annual reports filed by business entities on or after that date.