

# HOUSE BILL No. 1188

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17-1-4; IC 12-8-15; IC 20-19-11; IC 21-18-16; IC 22-4.1-28; IC 25-1-21.

**Synopsis:** Collection of veteran status information. Requires the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department) to provide information regarding services available to veterans, state agencies that provide services to veterans, and additional public and private entities that offer services to veterans to state, county, and city agencies that interact with the public. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services, the department of education, the commission for higher education, the department of workforce development, and the Indiana professional licensing agency to include the following questions in an application for a service, a benefit, assistance, or a professional credential: (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?". Provides that the applications must state that the applicant is not required to answer the questions. Requires the agencies to keep the information submitted regarding veteran status in a data base and to report to the department not later than December 31 of each year. Allows the department to use the information to develop outreach programs for veterans and their families.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.42-2020,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 4. The commission shall do acts necessary or
- 4 reasonably incident to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter,
- 5 including the following:
- 6 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.
- 7 (2) Advise the veterans' state service officer in problems
- 8 concerning the welfare of veterans.
- 9 (3) Determine general administrative policies within the
- 10 department.
- 11 (4) Establish standards for certification of state, county, and city
- 12 service officers.
- 13 (5) Establish and administer a written examination for renewal of
- 14 the certification of county and city service officers.
- 15 **(6) Provide a list to state, county, and city agencies that**
- 16 **interact with the public the following information:**
- 17 **(A) Services available to veterans.**



1           **(B) The names, telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and**  
 2           **addresses of state agencies that offer services to veterans.**

3           **(C) The names, telephone numbers, Internet web sites, and**  
 4           **addresses of additional public and private entities that**  
 5           **offer services to veterans.**

6           ~~(6)~~ (7) Submit, not later than December 31 of each year, an  
 7           annual report to the legislative council in an electronic format  
 8           under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor concerning the welfare of  
 9           veterans.

10           SECTION 2. IC 12-8-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
 11           A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 12           1, 2022]:

13           **Chapter 15. Veteran Status Information**

14           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
 15           **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

16           **Sec. 2. (a) An application for a service, a benefit, or assistance**  
 17           **under this title must contain the following questions:**

18           **(1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States**  
 19           **or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana**  
 20           **National Guard?"**

21           **(2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in**  
 22           **the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the**  
 23           **National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"**

24           **(b) The application described in subsection (a) must indicate**  
 25           **that an applicant is not required to answer the questions in**  
 26           **subsection (a).**

27           **Sec. 3. The office shall:**

28           **(1) keep in a data base; and**

29           **(2) submit a report to the Indiana department of veterans'**  
 30           **affairs not later than December 31 of each year;**

31           **the information collected under section 2 of this chapter.**

32           **Sec. 4. The information submitted under this chapter may be**  
 33           **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
 34           **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

35           SECTION 3. IC 20-19-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 36           AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37           JULY 1, 2022]:

38           **Chapter 11. Veteran Status Information**

39           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
 40           **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

41           **Sec. 2. (a) An application for a service, a benefit, or assistance**  
 42           **under this title must contain the following questions:**



1 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
2 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
3 National Guard?".

4 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
5 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
6 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".

7 (b) The application described in subsection (a) must indicate  
8 that an applicant is not required to answer the questions in  
9 subsection (a).

10 **Sec. 3. The department shall:**

11 (1) keep in a data base; and

12 (2) submit a report to the Indiana department of veterans'  
13 affairs not later than December 31 of each year;  
14 the information collected under section 2 of this chapter.

15 **Sec. 4. The information submitted under this chapter may be**  
16 **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
17 **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

18 SECTION 4. IC 21-18-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
19 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
20 JULY 1, 2022]:

21 **Chapter 16. Veteran Status Information**

22 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
23 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

24 **Sec. 2. (a) An application for a service, a benefit, or assistance**  
25 **under this title must contain the following questions:**

26 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
27 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
28 National Guard?".

29 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
30 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
31 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?".

32 (b) The application described in subsection (a) must indicate  
33 that an applicant is not required to answer the questions set forth  
34 in subsection (a).

35 **Sec. 3. The commission shall:**

36 (1) keep in a data base; and

37 (2) submit a report to the Indiana department of veterans'  
38 affairs not later than December 31 of each year;  
39 the information collected under section 2 of this chapter.

40 **Sec. 4. The information submitted under this chapter may be**  
41 **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
42 **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**



1 SECTION 5. IC 22-4.1-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2022]:

4 **Chapter 28. Veteran Status Information**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
6 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

7 **Sec. 2. (a) An application for a service, a benefit, or assistance**  
8 **under this title must contain the following questions:**

9 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
10 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
11 National Guard?"

12 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
13 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
14 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

15 (b) The application described in subsection (a) must indicate  
16 that an applicant is not required to answer the questions in  
17 subsection (a).

18 **Sec. 3. The department shall:**

19 (1) keep in a data base; and

20 (2) submit a report to the Indiana department of veterans'  
21 affairs not later than December 31 of each year;  
22 the information collected under section 2 of this chapter.

23 **Sec. 4. The information submitted under this chapter may be**  
24 **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
25 **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

26 SECTION 6. IC 25-1-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
27 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
28 1, 2022]:

29 **Chapter 21. Veteran Status Information**

30 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "armed forces of the United**  
31 **States" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-9-4-3.**

32 **Sec. 2. (a) An application for a professional credential under this**  
33 **title must contain the following questions:**

34 (1) "Have you served in the armed forces of the United States  
35 or their reserves, in the National Guard, or in the Indiana  
36 National Guard?"

37 (2) "Are you the surviving spouse of someone who served in  
38 the armed forces of the United States or their reserves, in the  
39 National Guard, or in the Indiana National Guard?"

40 (b) The application described in subsection (a) must indicate  
41 that an applicant is not required to answer the questions in  
42 subsection (a).



1           **Sec. 3. The Indiana professional licensing agency shall:**  
2           **(1) keep in a data base; and**  
3           **(2) submit a report to the Indiana department of veterans'**  
4           **affairs not later than December 31 of each year;**  
5           **the information collected under section 2 of this chapter.**  
6           **Sec. 4. The information submitted under this chapter may be**  
7           **used by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to develop**  
8           **outreach programs for veterans and their families.**

