

1 **VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION AMENDMENTS**
2024 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton
Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill amends provisions relating to the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▸ extends the sunset date of the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission; and
- 9 ▸ makes technical changes.

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11 None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13 None

14 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

15 AMENDS:

16 **36-28-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 78

17 **63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 112, 139, 228, and 475

19 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

20 Section 1. Section **36-28-102** is amended to read:

21 **36-28-102 . Veterans and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation --**

22 **Membership -- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.**

23 (1) There is created the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

24 (2) The commission membership is composed of [~~19~~] 18 permanent members, but may not
25 exceed [~~24~~] 23 members, and is as follows:

26 (a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:

27 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
28 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same

- 29 political party; and
- 30 (ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more
- 31 than one of whom may be from the same political party;
- 32 (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs or the
- 33 director's designee;
- 34 (c) the chair of the Utah Veterans Advisory Council;
- 35 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
- 36 designee;
- 37 (e) the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services or the
- 38 director's designee;
- 39 [~~(f)~~ the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's
- 40 designee;]
- 41 [~~(g)~~ (f) the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard or the adjutant general's
- 42 designee;
- 43 [~~(h)~~ (g) the Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;
- 44 [~~(i)~~ (h) a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education or that member's designee;
- 45 [~~(j)~~ (i) three representatives of veteran service organizations recommended by the
- 46 Veterans Advisory Council and confirmed by the commission;
- 47 [~~(k)~~ (j) one member of the Executive Committee of the Utah Defense Alliance;
- 48 [~~(l)~~ (k) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce member,
- 49 appointed by the Utah State Chamber of Commerce; and
- 50 [~~(m)~~ (l) a representative from the Veterans Health Administration.
- 51 (3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to five pro
- 52 tempore members, representing:
- 53 (a) state or local government agencies;
- 54 (b) interest groups concerned with veterans issues; or
- 55 (c) the general public.
- 56 (4) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
- 57 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
- 58 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
- 59 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.
- 60 (5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The action of
- 61 a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.
- 62 (6) The term for each pro tempore member appointed in accordance with Subsection (3)

- 63 shall be two years from July 1 of the year of appointment. A pro tempore member may
64 not serve more than three terms.
- 65 (7) If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was
66 originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under Subsection (6) serves
67 the remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced. If the remaining unexpired
68 term is less than six months, the newly appointed member shall be reappointed on July
69 1. The time served until July 1 is not counted in the restriction set forth in Subsection (6).
- 70 (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but may
71 receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
- 72 (a) Section 63A-3-106;
73 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
74 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and
75 63A-3-107.
- 76 (9) Salaries and expenses of the members of the commission who are legislators shall be
77 paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
78 Legislator Compensation.
- 79 Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:
80 **63I-1-236 . Repeal dates: Title 36.**
- 81 (1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.
82 (2) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed January 1, [
83 ~~2025~~] 2030.
- 84 (3) Section 36-29-108, Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2028.
85 (4) Section 36-29-112, Justice Court Reform Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2025.
- 86 Section 3. **Effective date.**
87 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.