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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Sachs moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 7 and 8

insert:

Section 1. Section 265.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida.

(2) There is established the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.



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14 (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame is administered by  
15 the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs without  
16 appropriation of state funds.

17 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside  
18 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the  
19 northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of  
20 Veterans' Affairs regarding the design and theme of the area.

21 (c) Each person who is inducted into the Florida Veterans'  
22 Hall of Fame shall have his or her name placed on a plaque  
23 displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building.

24 (3) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council is  
25 created within the Department of Veterans' Affairs as an  
26 advisory council, as defined in s. 20.03(7), consisting of seven  
27 members who are all honorably discharged veterans, at least four  
28 of whom must be members of a congressionally chartered veterans  
29 service organization. The Governor, the President of the Senate,  
30 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney  
31 General, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of  
32 Agriculture, and the executive director of the Department of  
33 Veterans' Affairs shall each appoint one member. For the  
34 purposes of ensuring staggered terms, the council members  
35 appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, the Chief  
36 Financial Officer, and the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be  
37 appointed to 4-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year of  
38 appointment, and the council members appointed by the President  
39 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
40 the executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs  
41 shall be appointed to 2-year terms beginning on January 1 of the  
42 year of appointment. After the initial appointments, all



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43 appointees shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A member whose  
44 term expires shall continue to serve on the council until a  
45 replacement is appointed.

46 (b) The members shall annually elect a chair from among  
47 their number. The council shall meet at the call of the chair,  
48 at the request of the executive director of the Department of  
49 Veterans' Affairs, or at such times as may be prescribed by the  
50 council. A majority of the members of the council currently  
51 appointed constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held  
52 unless a quorum is present. The affirmative vote of a majority  
53 of the members of the council present is necessary for any  
54 official action by the council.

55 (c) Members of the council may not receive compensation or  
56 honorarium for their services. Members may be reimbursed for  
57 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as  
58 provided in s. 112.061, however, no state funds may be used for  
59 this purpose.

60 (d) The original appointing authority may remove his or her  
61 appointee from the council for misconduct or malfeasance in  
62 office, neglect of duty, incompetence, or permanent inability to  
63 perform official duties or if the member is adjudicated guilty  
64 of a felony.

65 (4)(3)(a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
66 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall annually accept  
67 nominations of persons to be considered for induction into the  
68 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall then transmit a list of  
69 up to 20 nominees its recommendations to the Department of  
70 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet  
71 who will select the nominees to be inducted.



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72 (b) In selecting its nominees for submission ~~making its~~  
73 ~~recommendations~~ to the Governor and the Cabinet, the Florida  
74 Veterans' Hall of Fame Council ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~  
75 shall give preference to veterans who were born in Florida or  
76 adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation and who  
77 have made a significant contribution to the state in civic,  
78 business, public service, or other pursuits.

79 (5) ~~(4)~~ The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
80 ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~ may establish criteria and set  
81 specific time periods for acceptance of nominations and for the  
82 process of selection of nominees for membership and establish a  
83 formal induction ceremony to coincide with the annual  
84 commemoration of Veterans' Day.

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86 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

87 And the title is amended as follows:

88 Delete line 2

89 and insert:

90 An act relating to recognition of military personnel  
91 and veterans; amending s. 265.003, F.S.; creating the  
92 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council within the  
93 Department of Veterans' Affairs; providing for  
94 membership, terms of members, and organization of the  
95 council; revising provisions relating to nomination of  
96 persons to the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame;  
97 providing for annual acceptance of nominations by the  
98 council; authorizing the council to establish criteria  
99 for such nominations; creating s.