

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee  
2 Representative Smith offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove line 8 and insert:

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

8 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

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

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

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

18 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside  
19 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the

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20 northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of  
21 Veterans' Affairs regarding the design and theme of the area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

73       (b) In selecting its nominees for submission making its  
74 recommendations to the Governor and the Cabinet, the Florida

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75 Veterans' Hall of Fame Council ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~  
76 shall give preference to veterans who were born in Florida or  
77 adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation and who  
78 have made a significant contribution to the state in civic,  
79 business, public service, or other pursuits.

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

86 Section 2. Section 683.146, Florida Statutes, is created  
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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

91 Remove line 2 and insert:

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