

1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to military support; amending s.  
3 163.3175, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Defense  
4 Support Task Force to recommend to the Legislature  
5 specified changes in military installations and local  
6 governments under the Community Planning Act;  
7 clarifying and revising procedures related to exchange  
8 of information between military installations and  
9 local governments under the act; amending s. 196.173,  
10 F.S.; authorizing servicemembers who receive a  
11 homestead exemption and who are deployed in certain  
12 military operations to receive an additional ad  
13 valorem tax exemption; providing a deadline for  
14 claiming tax exemptions for qualifying deployments  
15 during the 2011 calendar year; providing procedures  
16 and requirements for filing applications and petitions  
17 to receive the tax exemption after expiration of the  
18 deadline; providing application; amending s. 265.003,  
19 F.S.; creating the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame  
20 Council; providing for membership and terms of  
21 appointment; providing for the appointment of a chair;  
22 providing for meetings, a quorum, and voting;  
23 providing for reimbursement of travel expenses;  
24 providing for the removal of an appointee; providing  
25 for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council rather  
26 than the Department of Veterans' Affairs to select  
27 nominees for induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall  
28 of Fame and to establish the criteria for selection;

29 | amending s. 288.972, F.S.; revising legislative intent  
30 | with respect to proposed closure or reuse of military  
31 | bases; amending s. 288.980, F.S.; creating the  
32 | Military Base Protection Program within the Department  
33 | of Economic Opportunity; providing for use of program  
34 | funds; revising provisions relating to the award of  
35 | grants for retention of military installations;  
36 | revising a definition; eliminating the Florida  
37 | Economic Reinvestment Initiative; establishing the  
38 | Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program to be  
39 | administered by the Department of Economic  
40 | Opportunity; specifying purposes of the program;  
41 | specifying activities for which grant awards may be  
42 | provided; eliminating the Defense-Related Business  
43 | Adjustment Program, the Florida Defense Planning Grant  
44 | Program, the Florida Defense Implementation Grant  
45 | Program, the Florida Military Installation Reuse  
46 | Planning and Marketing Grant Program, and the  
47 | Retention of Military Installations Program;  
48 | transferring and reassigning the functions and  
49 | responsibilities of the Florida Council on Military  
50 | Base and Mission Support within the Department of  
51 | Economic Opportunity to the Florida Defense Support  
52 | Task Force within the Department of Economic  
53 | Opportunity by type two transfer; repealing s.  
54 | 288.984, F.S., which establishes the Florida Council  
55 | on Military Base and Mission Support and provides  
56 | purposes thereof; amending s. 288.985, F.S.;

57 | conforming provisions relating to exempt records and  
58 | meetings of the Council on Military Base and Mission  
59 | Support; amending s. 288.987, F.S.; revising  
60 | provisions relating to the Florida Defense Support  
61 | Task Force, to conform; amending s. 295.187, F.S.;  
62 | revising legislative intent; renaming and revising the  
63 | Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise  
64 | Opportunity Act to expand the vendor preference in  
65 | state contracting to include certain businesses owned  
66 | and operated by wartime veterans or veterans of a  
67 | period of war; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing  
68 | for the issuance of a Combat Infantry Badge license  
69 | plate; providing qualifications and requirements for  
70 | the plate; providing for the use of proceeds from the  
71 | sale of the plate; providing for issuance of a Vietnam  
72 | War Veterans' license plate and the Korean Conflict  
73 | Veterans' license plate; providing qualifications and  
74 | requirements for the plates; creating s. 320.0892,  
75 | F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety  
76 | and Motor Vehicles to issue Silver Star, Distinguished  
77 | Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross license  
78 | plates, without payment of the license tax, to persons  
79 | meeting specified criteria; creating s. 683.146, F.S.;  
80 | designating August 7 of each year as "Purple Heart  
81 | Day"; providing a short title; creating s. 394.47891,  
82 | F.S.; authorizing the chief judge of each judicial  
83 | circuit to establish a Military Veterans and  
84 | Servicemembers Court Program for specified veterans

85 | and servicemembers; providing criteria for entry into  
86 | the program; authorizing a judge to impose a condition  
87 | of supervision upon specified probationers and  
88 | community controllees requiring such person to  
89 | participate in a treatment program; requiring the  
90 | court to give preference to certain treatment  
91 | programs; providing that the Department of Corrections  
92 | is not required to spend state funds to implement  
93 | these provisions; creating s. 948.21, F.S.;  
94 | authorizing a judge to impose a condition of  
95 | supervision upon specified probationers and community  
96 | controllees requiring such person to participate in a  
97 | treatment program; requiring the court to give  
98 | preference to certain treatment programs; providing  
99 | that the Department of Corrections is not required to  
100 | spend state funds to implement these provisions;  
101 | creating s. 1004.075, F.S.; requiring certain Florida  
102 | College System institutions and state universities to  
103 | provide priority course registration for veterans;  
104 | providing eligibility requirements; creating s.  
105 | 1005.09, F.S.; encouraging certain independent  
106 | postsecondary educational institutions to provide  
107 | priority course registration for veterans; providing  
108 | honorary designations of certain transportation  
109 | facilities in specified counties; directing the  
110 | Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
111 | markers; providing effective dates.  
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113 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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115 Section 1. Subsections (3), (5), and (6) of section  
 116 163.3175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

117 163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of  
 118 development with military installations; exchange of information  
 119 between local governments and military installations.—

120 (3) The Florida Defense Support Task Force ~~Council on~~  
 121 ~~Military Base and Mission Support~~ may recommend to the  
 122 Legislature changes to the military installations and local  
 123 governments specified in subsection (2) based on a military  
 124 base's potential for impacts from encroachment, and incompatible  
 125 land uses and development.

126 (5) The commanding officer or his or her designee may  
 127 provide advisory comments to the affected local government on  
 128 the impact such proposed changes may have on the mission of the  
 129 military installation. Such advisory comments shall be based on  
 130 appropriate data and analyses provided with the comments and may  
 131 include:

132 (a) If the installation has an airfield, whether such  
 133 proposed changes will be incompatible with the safety and noise  
 134 standards contained in the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone  
 135 (AICUZ) adopted by the military installation for that airfield;

136 (b) Whether such changes are incompatible with the  
 137 Installation Environmental Noise Management Program (IENMP) of  
 138 the United States Army;

139 (c) Whether such changes are incompatible with the  
 140 findings of a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for the area if one

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141 has been completed; and

142 (d) Whether the military installation's mission will be  
 143 adversely affected by the proposed actions of the county or  
 144 affected local government.

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 146 The commanding officer's comments, underlying studies, and  
 147 reports shall be considered by the local government in the same  
 148 manner as the comments received from other reviewing agencies  
 149 pursuant to s. 163.3184 ~~are not binding on the local government.~~

150 (6) The affected local government shall take into  
 151 consideration any comments and accompanying data and analyses  
 152 provided by the commanding officer or his or her designee  
 153 pursuant to subsection (4) as they relate to the strategic  
 154 mission of the base, public safety, and the economic vitality  
 155 associated with the base's operations, while also respecting and  
 156 ~~must also be sensitive to~~ private property rights and not being  
 157 ~~be~~ unduly restrictive on those rights. The affected local  
 158 government shall forward a copy of any comments regarding  
 159 comprehensive plan amendments to the state land planning agency.

160 Section 2. Effective upon becoming a law and first  
 161 applying to ad valorem tax rolls for 2012, subsection (2) of  
 162 section 196.173, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163 196.173 Exemption for deployed servicemembers.—

164 (2) The exemption is available to servicemembers who were  
 165 deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty  
 166 outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in  
 167 support of:

168 (a) Operation Noble Eagle, which began on September 15,

- 169 2001;
- 170 (b)~~(a)~~ Operation Enduring Freedom, which began on October
- 171 7, 2001;
- 172 (c)~~(b)~~ Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19,
- 173 2003, and ended on August 31, 2010; ~~or~~
- 174 (d)~~(e)~~ Operation New Dawn, which began on September 1,
- 175 2010, and ended on December 15, 2011; or
- 176 (e) Operation Odyssey Dawn, which began on March 19, 2011,
- 177 and ended on October 31, 2011.

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179 The Department of Revenue shall notify all property appraisers

180 and tax collectors in this state of the designated military

181 operations.

182 Section 3. This section is effective upon becoming a law.

183 Notwithstanding the application deadline in s. 196.173(5),

184 Florida Statutes, the deadline for an eligible servicemember to

185 file a claim for an additional ad valorem tax exemption for a

186 qualifying deployment during the 2011 calendar year is June 1,

187 2012. Any applicant who seeks to claim the additional exemption

188 and who fails to file an application by June 1 must file an

189 application for the exemption with the property appraiser on or

190 before the 25th day following the mailing by the property

191 appraiser of the notices required under s. 194.011(1), Florida

192 Statutes. Upon receipt of sufficient evidence, as determined by

193 the property appraiser, demonstrating the applicant was unable

194 to apply for the exemption in a timely manner or otherwise

195 demonstrating extenuating circumstances judged by the property

196 appraiser to warrant granting the exemption, the property

197 appraiser may grant the exemption. If the applicant fails to  
 198 produce sufficient evidence demonstrating the applicant was  
 199 unable to apply for the exemption in a timely manner or  
 200 otherwise demonstrating extenuating circumstances as judged by  
 201 the property appraiser, the applicant may file, pursuant to s.  
 202 194.011(3), Florida Statutes, a petition with the value  
 203 adjustment board requesting that the exemption be granted. Such  
 204 petition must be filed during the taxable year on or before the  
 205 25th day following the mailing of the notice by the property  
 206 appraiser as provided in s. 194.011(1), Florida Statutes.  
 207 Notwithstanding s. 194.013, Florida Statutes, the applicant is  
 208 not required to pay a filing fee for such a petition. Upon  
 209 reviewing the petition, if the applicant is qualified to receive  
 210 the exemption and demonstrates particular extenuating  
 211 circumstances judged by the value adjustment board to warrant  
 212 granting the exemption, the value adjustment board may grant the  
 213 exemption for the current year.

214 Section 4. Section 265.003, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 215 to read:

216 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

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

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

223 (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame is administered by  
 224 the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs without



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225 appropriation of state funds.

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

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

233 (3) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council is  
234 created within the Department of Veterans' Affairs as an  
235 advisory council, as defined in s. 20.03(7), consisting of seven  
236 members who shall all be honorably discharged veterans, and at  
237 least four of whom must be members of a congressionally  
238 chartered veterans service organization. The Governor, the  
239 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
240 Representatives, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial  
241 Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the executive  
242 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall each  
243 appoint one member. For the purposes of ensuring staggered  
244 terms, the council members appointed by the Governor, the  
245 Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, and the  
246 Commissioner of Agriculture shall be appointed to 4-year terms  
247 beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment, and the  
248 council members appointed by the President of the Senate, the  
249 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the executive  
250 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be  
251 appointed to 2-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year of  
252 appointment. After the initial appointments, all appointees

253 shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A member whose term expires  
 254 shall continue to serve on the council until such time as a  
 255 replacement is appointed.

256 (b) The members shall annually elect a chair from among  
 257 their number. The council shall meet at the call of its chair,  
 258 at the request of the executive director of the Department of  
 259 Veterans' Affairs, or at such times as may be prescribed by the  
 260 council. A majority of the members of the council currently  
 261 appointed constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held  
 262 unless a quorum is present. The affirmative vote of a majority  
 263 of the members of the council present is necessary for any  
 264 official action by the council.

265 (c) Members of the council may not receive compensation or  
 266 honorarium for their services. Members may be reimbursed for  
 267 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as  
 268 provided in s. 112.061, however, no state funds may be used for  
 269 this purpose.

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

275 (4)-(3)(a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
 276 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall annually accept  
 277 nominations of persons to be considered for induction into the  
 278 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall ~~then~~ transmit a list of  
 279 up to 20 nominees ~~its recommendations~~ to the Department of  
 280 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet

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281 | who will select the nominees to be inducted.

282 |       (b) In selecting its nominees for submission ~~making its~~  
 283 | ~~recommendations~~ to the Governor and the Cabinet, the Florida  
 284 | Veterans' Hall of Fame Council ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~  
 285 | shall give preference to veterans who were born in Florida or  
 286 | adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation and who  
 287 | have made a significant contribution to the state in civic,  
 288 | business, public service, or other pursuits.

289 |       (5) ~~(4)~~ The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
 290 | ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~ may establish criteria and set  
 291 | specific time periods for acceptance of nominations and for the  
 292 | process of selection of nominees for membership and establish a  
 293 | formal induction ceremony to coincide with the annual  
 294 | commemoration of Veterans' Day.

295 |       Section 5. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 288.972,  
 296 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

297 |       288.972 Legislative intent.—It is the policy of this  
 298 | state, once the Federal Government has proposed any base closure  
 299 | or has determined that military bases, lands, or installations  
 300 | are to be closed and made available for reuse, to:

301 |       ~~(9) Coordinate the development of the Defense-Related~~  
 302 | ~~Business Adjustment Program to increase commercial technology~~  
 303 | ~~development by defense companies.~~

304 |       (9) ~~(10)~~ Coordinate the development, maintenance, and  
 305 | analysis of a workforce database to assist workers adversely  
 306 | affected by defense-related activities in their relocation  
 307 | efforts.

308 |       Section 6. Section 288.980, Florida Statutes, is amended

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309 to read:

310 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;  
311 grants program.—

312 (1) (a) It is the intent of this state to provide the  
313 necessary means to assist communities with military  
314 installations in supporting and sustaining those installations  
315 ~~that would be adversely affected by federal base realignment or~~  
316 ~~closure actions~~. It is further the intent to encourage  
317 communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and  
318 plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal  
319 government relating to realignments and closures ~~Base~~  
320 ~~Realignment and Closure Commission~~. It is critical that ~~closure-~~  
321 ~~vulnerable~~ communities develop and implement strategies such a  
322 ~~program~~ to preserve and protect ~~affected~~ military installations.  
323 The Legislature hereby recognizes that the state needs to  
324 coordinate all efforts that can support ~~facilitate the retention~~  
325 ~~of all remaining~~ military installations throughout ~~in~~ the state.  
326 The Legislature, therefore, declares that providing such  
327 assistance to support the defense-related initiatives within  
328 this section is a public purpose for which public money may be  
329 used.

330 (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within  
331 Enterprise Florida, is designated as the organization to ensure  
332 that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its  
333 military host communities are in competitive positions as the  
334 United States continues its defense realignment and downsizing.  
335 The defense alliance shall serve as an overall advisory body for  
336 defense-related activity of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The Florida

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337 Defense Alliance may receive funding from appropriations made  
 338 for that purpose administered by the department.

339 (2) The Military Base Protection Program is created. Funds  
 340 appropriated to this program may be used to address emergent  
 341 needs relating to mission sustainment and base retention. All  
 342 funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible  
 343 to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall  
 344 coordinate and implement this program.

345 (3)-(2)(a) The department is authorized to award grants on  
 346 a competitive basis from any funds available to it to support  
 347 activities related to the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant  
 348 Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program  
 349 ~~retention of military installations potentially affected by~~  
 350 ~~federal base closure or realignment.~~

351 (b) The term "activities" as used in this section means  
 352 studies, presentations, analyses, plans, and modeling. For the  
 353 purposes of the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program,  
 354 the term "activities" also includes, but is not limited to,  
 355 construction, land purchases, and easements. Staff salaries are  
 356 not considered an "activity" for which grant funds may be  
 357 awarded. Travel costs and costs incidental thereto incurred by a  
 358 grant recipient shall be considered an "activity" for which  
 359 grant funds may be awarded.

360 ~~(c) Except for grants issued pursuant to the Florida~~  
 361 ~~Military Installation Reuse Planning and Marketing Grant Program~~  
 362 ~~as described in paragraph (3)(c), the amount of any grant~~  
 363 ~~provided to an applicant may not exceed \$250,000.~~ The department  
 364 shall require that an applicant:

365 1. Represent a local government with a military  
 366 installation or military installations that could be adversely  
 367 affected by federal actions ~~base realignment or closure~~.

368 2. Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant  
 369 awarded.

370 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action  
 371 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and  
 372 accomplished.

373 4. Provide documentation describing the potential for  
 374 changes to the mission ~~realignment or closure~~ of a military  
 375 installation located in the applicant's community and the  
 376 potential ~~adverse~~ impacts such changes ~~realignment or closure~~  
 377 will have on the applicant's community.

378 (d) In making grant awards the department ~~office~~ shall  
 379 consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

380 1. The relative value of the particular military  
 381 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state  
 382 economy relative to other military installations ~~vulnerable to~~  
 383 ~~closure~~.

384 2. The potential job displacement within the local  
 385 community should the mission of the military installation be  
 386 changed ~~closed~~.

387 3. The potential ~~adverse~~ impact on industries and  
 388 technologies which service the military installation.

389 ~~(4)(3)~~ The Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program  
 390 ~~Economic Reinvestment Initiative~~ is established to respond to  
 391 the need for this state to work in conjunction with defense-  
 392 dependent communities in developing and implementing strategies

393 and approaches that will help communities support the missions  
394 of military installations, and in developing and implementing  
395 ~~and defense-dependent communities in this state to develop~~  
396 alternative economic diversification strategies to transition  
397 from a defense economy to a nondefense economy ~~lessen reliance~~  
398 ~~on national defense dollars in the wake of base closures and~~  
399 ~~reduced federal defense expenditures and the need to formulate~~  
400 ~~specific base reuse plans and identify any specific~~  
401 ~~infrastructure needed to facilitate reuse.~~ Eligible applicants  
402 include defense-dependent counties and cities, and local  
403 economic development councils located within such communities.  
404 The program initiative shall consist of the following two  
405 ~~distinct grant programs~~ to be administered by the department and  
406 grant awards may be provided to support community-based  
407 activities that:

408 (a) Protect existing military installations; ~~The Florida~~  
409 ~~Defense Planning Grant Program, through which funds shall be~~  
410 ~~used to analyze the extent to which the state is dependent on~~  
411 ~~defense dollars and defense infrastructure and prepare~~  
412 ~~alternative economic development strategies. The state shall~~  
413 ~~work in conjunction with defense-dependent communities in~~  
414 ~~developing strategies and approaches that will help communities~~  
415 ~~make the transition from a defense economy to a nondefense~~  
416 ~~economy. Grant awards may not exceed \$250,000 per applicant and~~  
417 ~~shall be available on a competitive basis.~~

418 (b) Diversify the economy of a defense-dependent  
419 community; or ~~The Florida Defense Implementation Grant Program,~~  
420 ~~through which funds shall be made available to defense-dependent~~

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421 ~~communities to implement the diversification strategies~~  
422 ~~developed pursuant to paragraph (a). Eligible applicants include~~  
423 ~~defense-dependent counties and cities, and local economic~~  
424 ~~development councils located within such communities. Grant~~  
425 ~~awards may not exceed \$100,000 per applicant and shall be~~  
426 ~~available on a competitive basis. Awards shall be matched on a~~  
427 ~~one-to-one basis.~~

428 (c) ~~The Florida Military Installation Reuse Planning and~~  
429 ~~Marketing Grant Program, through which funds shall be used to~~  
430 ~~help counties, cities, and local economic development councils~~  
431 ~~Develop and implement~~ plans for the reuse of closed or realigned  
432 military installations, including any plans necessary for  
433 infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and  
434 related marketing activities.

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436 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a  
437 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how  
438 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,  
439 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between  
440 civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded  
441 activities and a plan for public involvement.

442 (5)~~(4)~~ The Defense Infrastructure Grant Program is  
443 created. The department shall coordinate and implement this  
444 program, the purpose of which is to support local infrastructure  
445 projects deemed to have a positive impact on the military value  
446 of installations within the state. Funds are to be used for  
447 projects that benefit both the local community and the military  
448 installation. ~~It is not the intent, however, to fund on-base~~



449 ~~military construction projects.~~ Infrastructure projects to be  
450 funded under this program include, but are not limited to, those  
451 related to encroachment, transportation and access, utilities,  
452 communications, housing, environment, and security. Grant  
453 requests will be accepted only from economic development  
454 applicants serving in the official capacity of a governing board  
455 of a county, municipality, special district, or state agency  
456 that will have the authority to maintain the project upon  
457 completion. An applicant must represent a community or county in  
458 which a military installation is located. There is no limit as  
459 to the amount of any grant awarded to an applicant. A match by  
460 the county or local community may be required. The program may  
461 not be used to fund on-base military construction projects. The  
462 department shall establish guidelines to implement the purpose  
463 of this subsection.

464 ~~(5) (a) The Defense-Related Business Adjustment Program is~~  
465 ~~hereby created. The department shall coordinate the development~~  
466 ~~of the Defense-Related Business Adjustment Program. Funds shall~~  
467 ~~be available to assist defense-related companies in the creation~~  
468 ~~of increased commercial technology development through~~  
469 ~~investments in technology. Such technology must have a direct~~  
470 ~~impact on critical state needs for the purpose of generating~~  
471 ~~investment grade technologies and encouraging the partnership of~~  
472 ~~the private sector and government defense-related business~~  
473 ~~adjustment. The following areas shall receive precedence in~~  
474 ~~consideration for funding commercial technology development: law~~  
475 ~~enforcement or corrections, environmental protection,~~  
476 ~~transportation, education, and health care. Travel and costs~~

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477 ~~incidental thereto, and staff salaries, are not considered an~~  
478 ~~"activity" for which grant funds may be awarded.~~

479 ~~(b) The department shall require that an applicant:~~

480 ~~1. Be a defense-related business that could be adversely~~  
481 ~~affected by federal base realignment or closure or reduced~~  
482 ~~defense expenditures.~~

483 ~~2. Agree to match at least 50 percent of any funds awarded~~  
484 ~~by the United States Department of Defense in cash or in-kind~~  
485 ~~services. Such match shall be directly related to activities for~~  
486 ~~which the funds are being sought.~~

487 ~~3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan delineating how~~  
488 ~~the funds will be administered.~~

489 ~~4. Provide documentation describing how defense-related~~  
490 ~~realignment or closure will adversely impact defense-related~~  
491 ~~companies.~~

492 ~~(6) The Retention of Military Installations Program is~~  
493 ~~created. The department shall coordinate and implement this~~  
494 ~~program.~~

495 (6)~~(7)~~ The department may award nonfederal matching funds  
496 specifically appropriated for construction, maintenance, and  
497 analysis of a Florida defense workforce database. Such funds  
498 will be used to create a registry of worker skills that can be  
499 used to match the worker needs of companies that are relocating  
500 to this state or to assist workers in relocating to other areas  
501 within this state where similar or related employment is  
502 available.

503 (7)~~(8)~~ Payment of administrative expenses shall be limited  
504 to no more than 10 percent of any grants issued pursuant to this

505 section.

506 ~~(8)(9)~~ The department shall establish guidelines to  
 507 implement and carry out the purpose and intent of this section.

508 Section 7. The powers, duties, functions, records,  
 509 personnel, property, pending issues, existing contracts,  
 510 administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended  
 511 balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the  
 512 Florida Council on Military Base and Mission Support within the  
 513 Department of Economic Opportunity are transferred by a type two  
 514 transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the  
 515 Florida Defense Support Task Force within the Department of  
 516 Economic Opportunity.

517 Section 8. Section 288.984, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

518 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.985,  
 519 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

520 288.985 Exemptions from public records and public meetings  
 521 requirements.—

522 (1) The following records held by the Florida Defense  
 523 Support Task Force ~~Council on Military Base and Mission Support~~  
 524 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 525 Constitution:

526 (a) That portion of a record which relates to strengths  
 527 and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in  
 528 this state relative to the selection criteria for the  
 529 realignment and closure of military bases and missions under any  
 530 United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure  
 531 process.

532 (b) That portion of a record which relates to strengths

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533 and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in  
 534 other states or territories and the vulnerability of such  
 535 installations or missions to base realignment or closure under  
 536 the United States Department of Defense base realignment and  
 537 closure process, and any agreements or proposals to relocate or  
 538 realign military units and missions from other states or  
 539 territories.

540 (c) That portion of a record which relates to the state's  
 541 strategy to retain its military bases during any United States  
 542 Department of Defense base realignment and closure process and  
 543 any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military  
 544 units and missions.

545 (2) Meetings or portions of meetings of the Florida  
 546 Defense Support Task Force ~~Council on Military Base and Mission~~  
 547 ~~Support~~, or a workgroup of the task force ~~council~~, at which  
 548 records are presented or discussed which are exempt under  
 549 subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I  
 550 of the State Constitution.

551 Section 10. Subsections (2), (5), (6), and (7) of section  
 552 288.987, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

553 288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

554 (2) The mission of the task force is to make  
 555 recommendations ~~to prepare the state to effectively compete in~~  
 556 ~~any federal base realignment and closure action~~, to support the  
 557 state's position in research and development related to or  
 558 arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve  
 559 the state's military-friendly environment for service members,  
 560 military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that

561 bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

562 (5) The executive director of Department of Economic  
 563 Opportunity ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
 564 ~~Development within the Executive Office of the Governor~~, or his  
 565 or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting  
 566 executive director of the task force.

567 (6) ~~The chair shall schedule and conduct the first meeting~~  
 568 ~~of the task force by October 1, 2011.~~ The task force shall  
 569 submit an annual ~~a~~ progress report and work plan ~~for the~~  
 570 ~~remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year~~ to the Governor, the  
 571 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 572 Representatives ~~by February 1, 2012, and shall submit an annual~~  
 573 ~~report~~ each February 1 thereafter.

574 (7) The department ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
 575 ~~Development~~ shall contract with the task force for expenditure  
 576 of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for  
 577 economic and product research and development, joint planning  
 578 with host communities to accommodate military missions and  
 579 prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with  
 580 federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school  
 581 districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of  
 582 additional military-related students, job training and placement  
 583 for military spouses in communities with high proportions of  
 584 active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to  
 585 military and related contractors and employers. The task force  
 586 may annually spend up to \$200,000 of funds appropriated to the  
 587 department ~~Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Tourism,~~  
 588 ~~Trade, and Economic Development~~, for the task force for staffing

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589 and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel  
 590 and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not  
 591 otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

592 Section 11. Section 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 593 to read:

594 295.187 Florida ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business  
 595 Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

596 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Florida  
 597 ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act."

598 (2) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature to rectify  
 599 the economic disadvantage of service-disabled veterans, who are  
 600 statistically the least likely to be self-employed when compared  
 601 to the veteran population as a whole and who have made  
 602 extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of the nation, the state, and  
 603 the public, by providing opportunities for service-disabled  
 604 veteran business enterprises as set forth in this section. The  
 605 Legislature also intends to recognize wartime veterans and  
 606 veterans of a period of war for their sacrifices as set forth in  
 607 this section.

608 (3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, the  
 609 term:

610 (a) "Certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 611 enterprise" means a business that has been certified by the  
 612 Department of Management Services to be a ~~service-disabled~~  
 613 veteran business enterprise as defined in paragraph (c).

614 (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a  
 615 permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability  
 616 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans

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617 Affairs or who has been terminated from military service by  
 618 reason of disability by the United States Department of Defense.

619 (c) ~~"Service-disabled~~ Veteran business enterprise" means  
 620 an independently owned and operated business that:

- 621 1. Employs 200 or fewer permanent full-time employees;
- 622 2. Together with its affiliates has a net worth of \$5  
 623 million or less or, if a sole proprietorship, has a net worth of  
 624 \$5 million or less including both personal and business  
 625 investments;
- 626 3. Is organized to engage in commercial transactions;
- 627 4. Is domiciled in this state;
- 628 5. Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more wartime  
 629 veterans or service-disabled veterans; and

630 6. The management and daily business operations of which  
 631 are controlled by one or more wartime veterans or service-  
 632 disabled veterans or, for a service-disabled veteran having with  
 633 a permanent and total disability, by the spouse or permanent  
 634 caregiver of the veteran.

635 (d) "Wartime veteran" means:

- 636 1. A wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14); or
- 637 2. A veteran of a period of war, as used in 38 U.S.C. s.  
 638 1521, who served in the active military, naval, or air service:
  - 639 a. For 90 days or more during a period of war;
  - 640 b. During a period of war and was discharged or released  
 641 from such service for a service-connected disability;
  - 642 c. For a period of 90 consecutive days or more and such  
 643 period began or ended during a period of war; or
  - 644 d. For an aggregate of 90 days or more in two or more

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645 separate periods of service during more than one period of war.

646 (4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.—

647 (a) A state agency, when considering two or more bids,  
648 proposals, or replies for the procurement of commodities or  
649 contractual services, at least one of which is from a certified  
650 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise, which ~~that~~ are  
651 equal with respect to all relevant considerations, including  
652 price, quality, and service, shall award such procurement or  
653 contract to the certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
654 enterprise.

655 (b) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(11), if a ~~service-disabled~~  
656 veteran business enterprise entitled to the vendor preference  
657 under this section and one or more businesses entitled to this  
658 preference or another vendor preference provided by law submit  
659 bids, proposals, or replies for procurement of commodities or  
660 contractual services which ~~that~~ are equal with respect to all  
661 relevant considerations, including price, quality, and service,  
662 ~~then~~ the state agency shall award the procurement or contract to  
663 the business having the smallest net worth.

664 (c) Political subdivisions of the state are encouraged to  
665 offer a similar consideration to businesses certified under this  
666 section.

667 (5) CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.—

668 (a) The application for certification as a ~~service-~~  
669 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise must, at a minimum,  
670 include:

671 1. The name of the business enterprise applying for  
672 certification and the name of the ~~service-disabled~~ veteran



673 submitting the application on behalf of the business enterprise.

674 2. The names of all owners of the business enterprise,  
 675 including owners who are wartime veterans, service-disabled  
 676 veterans, and owners who are not a wartime veteran or a service-  
 677 disabled veteran veterans, and the percentage of ownership  
 678 interest held by each owner.

679 3. The names of all persons involved in both the  
 680 management and daily operations of the business, including the  
 681 spouse or permanent caregiver of a veteran who has ~~with~~ a  
 682 permanent and total disability.

683 4. The service-connected disability rating of all persons  
 684 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, with  
 685 supporting documentation from the United States Department of  
 686 Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense.

687 5. Documentation of the wartime service of all persons  
 688 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, from  
 689 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United  
 690 States Department of Defense.

691 ~~6.5.~~ The number of permanent full-time employees.

692 ~~7.6.~~ The location of the business headquarters.

693 ~~8.7.~~ The total net worth of the business enterprise and  
 694 its affiliates. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the net  
 695 worth includes personal and business investments.

696 (b) To maintain certification, a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
 697 business enterprise shall renew its certification biennially.

698 (c) ~~The provisions of Chapter 120,~~ relating to  
 699 application, denial, and revocation procedures, applies ~~shall~~  
 700 ~~apply~~ to certifications under this section.

701 (d) A certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
 702 enterprise must notify the Department of Management Services  
 703 within 30 business days after any event that may significantly  
 704 affect the certification of the business, including, but not  
 705 limited to, a change in ownership or change in management and  
 706 daily business operations.

707 (e) The certification of a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
 708 business enterprise shall be revoked for 12 months if the  
 709 Department of Management Services determines that the business  
 710 enterprise violated paragraph (d). An owner of a certified  
 711 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification  
 712 is revoked may ~~is not permitted to~~ reapply for certification  
 713 under this section as an owner of any business enterprise during  
 714 the 12-month revocation period.

715 1. During the 12-month revocation period, a ~~service-~~  
 716 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification has  
 717 been revoked may bid on state contracts but is not eligible for  
 718 any preference available under this section.

719 2. A ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose  
 720 certification has been revoked may apply for certification at  
 721 the conclusion of the 12-month revocation period by complying  
 722 with requirements applicable to initial certifications.

723 (6) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.—The  
 724 department shall:

725 (a) Assist the Department of Management Services in  
 726 establishing a certification procedure, which shall be reviewed  
 727 biennially and updated as necessary.

728 (b) Identify eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business

729 enterprises by any electronic means, including electronic mail  
 730 or Internet website, or by any other reasonable means.

731 (c) Encourage and assist eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
 732 business enterprises to apply for certification under this  
 733 section.

734 (d) Provide information regarding services that are  
 735 available from the Office of Veterans' Business Outreach of the  
 736 Florida Small Business Development Center to ~~service-disabled~~  
 737 veteran business enterprises.

738 (7) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—The  
 739 department shall:

740 (a) With assistance from the Department of Veterans'  
 741 Affairs, establish a certification procedure, which shall be  
 742 reviewed biennially and updated as necessary.

743 (b) Grant, deny, or revoke the certification of a ~~service-~~  
 744 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise under this section.

745 (c) Maintain an electronic directory of certified ~~service-~~  
 746 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprises for use by the state,  
 747 political subdivisions of the state, and the public.

748 (8) REPORT.—The Small Business Development Center shall  
 749 include in its report required by s. 288.705 the percentage of  
 750 certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprises using  
 751 the statewide contracts register.

752 (9) RULES.—The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the  
 753 Department of Management Services, as appropriate, may adopt  
 754 rules as necessary to administer this section.

755 Section 12. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.089,  
 756 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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757 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States  
 758 Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of  
 759 Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi  
 760 Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry  
 761 Badge recipients; Vietnam War Veterans; Korean Conflict  
 762 Veterans; special license plates; fee.-

763 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 764 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
 765 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
 766 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
 767 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
 768 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, ~~or~~ an  
 769 active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
 770 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
 771 Badge shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by  
 772 proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida  
 773 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor  
 774 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl  
 775 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal  
 776 recipient, ~~or~~ proof of active or retired membership in any  
 777 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in  
 778 the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of  
 779 being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, and upon payment  
 780 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
 781 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in  
 782 lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be  
 783 stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"  
 784 "Combat-wounded veteran," ~~or~~ "U.S. Reserve," or "Combat Infantry

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785 Badge," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the  
786 license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the  
787 words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of  
788 the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

789 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
790 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
791 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
792 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
793 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
794 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
795 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
796 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
797 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
798 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
799 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

800 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
801 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a  
802 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled  
803 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the  
804 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license  
805 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

806 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
807 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
808 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
809 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
810 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
811 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
812 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.

813 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
 814 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be  
 815 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
 816 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

817 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
 818 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
 819 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
 820 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
 821 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
 822 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
 823 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
 824 320.08.

825 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the  
 826 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a  
 827 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a  
 828 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the  
 829 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or  
 830 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special  
 831 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of  
 832 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

833 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 834 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
 835 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
 836 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
 837 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
 838 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
 839 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
 840 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on

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841 | which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
842 | likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
843 | number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
844 | applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
845 | the Purple Heart medal.

846 |       (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
847 | private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
848 | recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
849 | which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
850 | hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a  
851 | current or former member of the United States military who was  
852 | deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in  
853 | Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon  
854 | application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
855 | membership or former active duty status during one of these  
856 | operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
857 | as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided  
858 | by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license  
859 | number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words  
860 | "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as  
861 | appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the  
862 | plate.

863 |       (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
864 | private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
865 | recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
866 | which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
867 | hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
868 | current or former member of the United States military, and who

869 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military  
 870 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the  
 871 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
 872 active duty status during these operations, and upon payment of  
 873 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
 874 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
 875 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
 876 shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," followed by  
 877 the registration license number of the plate.

878 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
 879 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
 880 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
 881 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
 882 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
 883 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
 884 was deployed and served in Korea during United States military  
 885 deployment in Korea shall, upon application to the department,  
 886 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
 887 status during these operations, and upon payment of the license  
 888 tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a  
 889 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of  
 890 the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall  
 891 be stamped the words "Korean Conflict Veteran," followed by the  
 892 registration license number of the plate.

893 Section 13. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.0892,  
 894 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

895 320.0892 Motor vehicle license plates for recipients of  
 896 the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air



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897 Force Cross.—Upon receipt of an application and proof that the  
898 applicant meets the qualifications listed in this section for  
899 the applicable license plate, the department shall issue the  
900 license plate without payment of the license tax imposed under  
901 s. 320.08:

902 (1) SILVER STAR.—Any United States citizen who is a  
903 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Silver Star while  
904 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
905 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Silver  
906 Star" followed by the serial number.

907 (2) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.—Any United States citizen  
908 who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the  
909 Distinguished Service Cross while serving as a member of the  
910 United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on  
911 which is stamped the words "Distinguished Service Cross"  
912 followed by the serial number.

913 (3) NAVY CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
914 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Navy Cross while  
915 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
916 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Navy  
917 Cross" followed by the serial number.

918 (4) AIR FORCE CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
919 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Air Force Cross  
920 while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces  
921 shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words  
922 "Air Force Cross" followed by the serial number.

923 Section 14. Section 683.146, Florida Statutes, is created  
924 to read:

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925 683.146 Purple Heart Day.-

926 (1) August 7 of each year is designated as "Purple Heart  
 927 Day."

928 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation  
 929 designating August 7 as "Purple Heart Day." Public officials,  
 930 schools, private organizations, and all residents of the state  
 931 are encouraged to commemorate Purple Heart Day and honor those  
 932 wounded or killed while serving in any branch of the United  
 933 States Armed Services.

934 Section 15. Sections 15 through 17 of this act may be  
 935 cited as the "T. Patt Maney Veterans' Treatment Intervention  
 936 Act."

937 Section 16. Section 394.47891, Florida Statutes, is  
 938 created to read:

939 394.47891 Military veterans and servicemembers court  
 940 programs.-The chief judge of each judicial circuit may establish  
 941 a Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program under which  
 942 veterans, as defined in s. 1.01, and servicemembers, as defined  
 943 in s. 250.01, who are convicted of a criminal offense and who  
 944 suffer from a mental illness, traumatic brain injury, or  
 945 substance abuse disorder as a result of their military service  
 946 can be sentenced in accordance with chapter 921 in a manner that  
 947 appropriately addresses the severity of the mental illness,  
 948 traumatic brain injury, or substance abuse disorder through  
 949 services tailored to the individual needs of the participant.  
 950 Entry into any Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court  
 951 Program must be based upon the sentencing court's assessment of  
 952 the defendant's criminal history, military service, substance

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953 abuse treatment needs, mental health treatment needs,  
954 amenability to the services of the program, the recommendation  
955 of the state attorney and the victim, if any, and the  
956 defendant's agreement to enter the program.

957 Section 17. Section 948.21, Florida Statutes, is created  
958 to read:

959 948.21 Condition of probation or community control;  
960 military servicemembers and veterans.—Effective for a  
961 probationer or community controllee whose crime was committed on  
962 or after July 1, 2012, and who is a servicemember, as defined in  
963 s. 250.01, or veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, who suffers from a  
964 military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury,  
965 or substance abuse disorder, the court may, in addition to any  
966 other conditions imposed, impose a condition requiring the  
967 probationer or community controllee to participate in a  
968 treatment program capable of treating the probationer or  
969 community controllee's mental illness, traumatic brain injury,  
970 or substance abuse disorder. The court shall give preference to  
971 treatment programs for which the probationer or community  
972 controllee is eligible through the United States Department of  
973 Veterans Affairs or the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.  
974 The Department of Corrections is not required to spend state  
975 funds to implement this section.

976 Section 18. Section 1004.075, Florida Statutes, is created  
977 to read:

978 1004.075 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
979 Florida College System institution and state university that  
980 offers priority course registration for a segment of the student

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981 population, or upon implementation of priority course  
 982 registration for a segment of the student population, shall  
 983 provide priority course registration for each veteran of the  
 984 United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational  
 985 benefits or for the spouse or dependent children of the veteran  
 986 to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred.  
 987 Each eligible veteran, or his or her spouse or dependent  
 988 children, shall be granted priority for course registration  
 989 until the expiration of the GI Bill educational benefits.

990 Section 19. Section 1005.09, Florida Statutes, is created  
 991 to read:

992 1005.09 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
 993 independent postsecondary educational institution defined in s.  
 994 1005.02(11) that offers priority course registration for a  
 995 segment of the student population, or upon implementation of  
 996 priority course registration for a segment of the student  
 997 population, is encouraged to provide priority course  
 998 registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces,  
 999 or his or her spouse or dependent children, who is receiving GI  
 1000 Bill educational benefits, in accordance with s. 1004.075.

1001 Section 20. SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway  
 1002 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 1003 markers.—

1004 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55  
 1005 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous  
 1006 Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as "SP4  
 1007 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway."

1008           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1009 suitable markers designating SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial  
 1010 Highway as described in subsection (1).

1011           Section 21. U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr.,  
 1012 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 1013 erect suitable markers.-

1014           (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55  
 1015 between N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road and N.E.  
 1016 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as "U.S. Navy BMC  
 1017 Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway."

1018           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1019 suitable markers designating U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun  
 1020 Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1021           Section 22. Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing  
 1022 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 1023 erect suitable markers.-

1024           (1) That portion of State Road 24 between County Road 347  
 1025 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as "Marine  
 1026 Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway."

1027           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1028 suitable markers designating Marine Lance Corporal Brian R.  
 1029 Buesing Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1030           Section 23. United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell  
 1031 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 1032 erect suitable markers.-

1033           (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S.  
 1034 Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy  
 1035 County is designated as "United States Army Sergeant Karl A.

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1036 Campbell Memorial Highway."

1037 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1038 suitable markers designating United States Army Sergeant Karl A.  
 1039 Campbell Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1040 Section 24. U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway  
 1041 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 1042 markers.-

1043 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 27A/State Road  
 1044 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and  
 1045 Town Court in Levy County is designated as "U.S. Army SPC James  
 1046 A. Page Memorial Highway."

1047 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1048 suitable markers designating U.S. Army SPC James A. Page  
 1049 Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1050 Section 25. USS Stark Memorial Drive designated;  
 1051 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1052 (1) That portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between  
 1053 State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County is  
 1054 designated as "USS Stark Memorial Drive."

1055 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1056 suitable markers designating USS Stark Memorial Drive as  
 1057 described in subsection (1).

1058 Section 26. Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF "Malibu" Road  
 1059 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
 1060 markers.-

1061 (1) That portion of State Road 44 between U.S. Highway 441  
 1062 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue near the City of Eustis in  
 1063 Lake County is designated as "Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF

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1064 'Malibu' Road."

1065 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1066 suitable markers designating Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF  
 1067 "Malibu" Road as described in subsection (1).

1068 Section 27. Veterans Memorial Highway designated;  
 1069 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1070 (1) That portion of State Road 19 between U.S. 17/State  
 1071 Road 15 and Carriage Drive in Putnam County is designated as  
 1072 "Veterans Memorial Highway."

1073 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1074 suitable markers designating Veterans Memorial Highway as  
 1075 described in subsection (1).

1076 Section 28. U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez  
 1077 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
 1078 erect suitable markers.-

1079 (1) That portion of State Road 513 between Banana River  
 1080 Drive and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated  
 1081 as "U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez Memorial Highway."

1082 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
 1083 suitable markers designating U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel  
 1084 Sanchez Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1085 Section 29. U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage  
 1086 Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect  
 1087 suitable markers.-

1088 (1) That portion of State Road A1A between Pinetree Drive  
 1089 and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated as  
 1090 "U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage Highway."

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1091 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1092 suitable markers designating U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin  
1093 Schrage Highway as described in subsection (1).

1094 Section 30. Purple Heart Memorial Highway designated;  
1095 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1096 (1) That portion of State Road 20/John Sims Parkway (57-  
1097 040-000) between State Road 85 and the Walton County Line in  
1098 Okaloosa County is designated as "Purple Heart Memorial  
1099 Highway."

1100 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1101 suitable markers designating Purple Heart Memorial Highway as  
1102 described in subsection (1).

1103 Section 31. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1104 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.