

Amendment No. A1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	___	(Y/N)
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OTHER	_____	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Local & Federal Affairs
2 Committee

3 Representative Smith offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 45-58 and insert:

7 Section 2. (1) By December 31, 2015, the Department of
8 Veterans' Affairs, through a direct-support organization under
9 s. 292.055, Florida Statutes, and in consultation with the
10 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall create a
11 section on agriculture and farming opportunities in the state
12 for veterans of the United States Armed Forces to be included in
13 the 2016 and 2017 Florida Veterans' Benefits Guides. The section
14 must include, at a minimum, information on federal, state, and
15 local agriculture and farming incentives, assistance, grants,
16 and outreach and advocacy programs available to veterans.

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17 (2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall make the
18 benefits guide available to all military installations in the
19 state and provide a consolidated description of and link to the
20 agriculture and farming opportunities section on its website.

21 (3) This section shall not be codified in the Florida
22 Statutes.

23 Remove lines 71-81 and insert:

24 Section 4. (1) By July 1, 2016, the Department of Highway
25 Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs
26 shall jointly conduct a pilot program to provide onsite
27 commercial driver license testing opportunities to qualified
28 members of the Florida National Guard pursuant to the Department
29 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles commercial driver license
30 skills test waiver under s. 322.12. Testing must be held at a
31 Florida National Guard Armory, an Armed Forces Reserve Center,
32 or the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. The pilot program
33 shall be accomplished using existing funds appropriated to each
34 department.

35 (2) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and
36 the Department of Military Affairs shall jointly provide a
37 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
38 House of Representatives providing the results of the pilot
39 program by June 30, 2017.

40 (3) This section is repealed October 1, 2017.

41 (4) This section shall not be codified in the Florida
42 Statutes.