

**FOR CONSIDERATION** By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to advisory councils of the Department  
3 of Veterans' Affairs; amending s. 265.003, F.S.;  
4 defining the term "veteran" and "military veteran" for  
5 purposes of determining persons the Florida Veterans'  
6 Hall of Fame Council may consider as nominees for the  
7 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame; providing an effective  
8 date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 265.003, Florida  
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

15 (4) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council shall  
16 annually accept nominations of persons to be considered for  
17 induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall  
18 transmit a list of up to 20 nominees to the Department of  
19 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet  
20 who will select the nominees to be inducted.

21 (b) In selecting its nominees for submission to the  
22 Governor and the Cabinet, the ~~Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame~~  
23 council shall give preference to veterans who were born in  
24 Florida or adopted Florida as their home state or base of  
25 operation and who have made a significant contribution to the  
26 state in civic, business, public service, or other pursuits.

27 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "veteran" or  
28 "military veteran" means a person who meets the definition of  
29 the term in s. 1.01(14) or a former member of the Florida  
30 National Guard.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.