

By Senator Burgess

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet  
3           Memorial; creating s. 265.008, F.S.; providing  
4           legislative intent; establishing the POW-MIA Veterans  
5           Bracelet Memorial; providing for the funding and  
6           administration of the memorial; directing the  
7           Department of Management Services to designate space  
8           for the memorial's construction and placement by a  
9           specified date; requiring the department to consider  
10          recommendations of, and coordinate with, specified  
11          entities regarding the memorial's placement and  
12          design; authorizing the department to adopt rules;  
13          providing an effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Section 265.008, Florida Statutes, is created to  
18           read:

19           265.008 POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial.—

20           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to memorialize the  
21           sacrifices and experiences of those captured or missing in  
22           combat during the Vietnam War era.

23           (2) There is established the POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet  
24           Memorial.

25           (3) The memorial shall be funded and administered by the  
26           Big Bend Chapter 96 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, without  
27           appropriation of state funds.

28           (4) By July 1, 2022, the Department of Management Services  
29           shall identify and make an appropriate public area available for

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30 the construction and the placement of the POW-MIA Veterans  
31 Bracelet Memorial in Tallahassee, along South Monroe Street and  
32 on or near the premises of the Capitol Complex. The department  
33 shall consider recommendations by the Vietnam Veterans of  
34 America, and the Florida Historical Commission as required  
35 pursuant to ss. 265.111(2) and 267.0612(9), regarding the  
36 monument's design and placement. In addition, the department  
37 shall coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources of  
38 the Department of State in determining the monument's design and  
39 placement as required under s. 265.111(2).

40 (5) The Department of Management Services may adopt rules  
41 to implement this section.

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