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Senator Collins moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 265.8021, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

265.8021 Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History  
Program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "veteran" has the  
same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

(2) The Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History



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12 Program is created within the Division of Arts and Culture as a  
13 Florida Folklife Program to collect and preserve the stories and  
14 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's  
15 military contributions throughout the nation's history. The  
16 division may request assistance with the program from the  
17 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

18 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and  
19 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's  
20 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the  
21 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those  
22 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The  
23 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite  
24 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
25 experiences for inclusion in the program.

26 (4) As provided in s. 265.802, the division may contract  
27 with a third-party vendor to fulfill its responsibilities under  
28 subsection (3).

29 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

30 Section 2. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3),  
31 and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 295.21, Florida  
32 Statutes, are amended to read:

33 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

34 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to serve as  
35 the state's initial point of military transition assistance  
36 dedicated to promoting ~~promote~~ Florida as a veteran-friendly  
37 state ~~helping that seeks~~ to provide veterans and their spouses  
38 with employment opportunities and ~~promoting that promotes~~ the  
39 hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community.  
40 The corporation shall encourage retired and recently separated



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41 military personnel to remain in this ~~the~~ state or to make this  
42 ~~the~~ state their permanent residence. The corporation shall  
43 promote the value of military skill sets to businesses in this  
44 ~~the~~ state, assist in tailoring the training of veterans and  
45 their spouses to match the needs of the employment marketplace,  
46 and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans and their  
47 spouses.

48 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

49 (a) Conduct marketing, awareness, and outreach activities  
50 directed toward its target market. As used in this section, the  
51 term "target market" means servicemembers of the United States  
52 Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,  
53 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of  
54 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes  
55 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such  
56 individuals who have not remarried ~~research to identify the~~  
57 ~~target market and the educational and employment needs of those~~  
58 ~~in the target market. The corporation shall contract with at~~  
59 ~~least one entity pursuant to the competitive bidding~~  
60 ~~requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s. 295.187 to~~  
61 ~~perform the research. Such entity must have experience~~  
62 ~~conducting market research on the veteran demographic. The~~  
63 ~~corporation shall seek input from the Florida Tourism Industry~~  
64 ~~Marketing Corporation on the scope, process, and focus of such~~  
65 ~~research.~~

66 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

67 (a) The corporation shall be governed by an 11-member a  
68 ~~nine-member~~ board of directors. The Governor, the President of  
69 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives



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70 shall each appoint three members to the board. The appointments  
71 made by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
72 of Representatives may not be from the body over which he or she  
73 presides. In making appointments, the Governor, the President of  
74 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must  
75 consider representation by active or retired military personnel  
76 and their spouses, representing a range of ages and persons with  
77 expertise in business, education, marketing, and information  
78 management. Additionally, the President of the Senate and the  
79 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one  
80 member from the body over which he or she presides to serve on  
81 the board as ex officio, nonvoting members.

82 Section 3. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
83 read:

84 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

85 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds  
86 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each  
87 veteran or his or her spouse who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state  
88 finds employment that meets his or her professional goals and  
89 receives the training or education necessary to meet those  
90 goals. The Legislature also finds that connecting dedicated,  
91 well-trained veterans with businesses that need a dedicated,  
92 well-trained workforce is of paramount importance. The  
93 Legislature recognizes that veterans or their spouses may not  
94 currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of Florida  
95 employers and may require assistance in obtaining additional  
96 workforce training or in transitioning their skills to meet the  
97 demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the Legislature  
98 that the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program



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99 coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and their spouses and  
100 the business community to enhance the economy of this state.

101 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the  
102 term:

103 (a) “Secondary industry business” is a business that the  
104 state has an additional interest in supporting and for which  
105 veterans and their spouses may have directly transferable  
106 skills. Such businesses are in the fields of health care,  
107 agriculture, commercial construction, education, law  
108 enforcement, and public service.

109 (b) “Servicemember” means any person serving as a member of  
110 the United States Armed Forces on active duty or state active  
111 duty and all members of the Florida National Guard and United  
112 States Reserve Forces.

113 (c) “Target industry business” is a business as defined in  
114 s. 288.005.

115 (d) “Target market” means servicemembers of the United  
116 States Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,  
117 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of  
118 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes  
119 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such  
120 individuals who have not remarried.

121 (3) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training Services  
122 Program is created within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to  
123 assist in connecting servicemembers, ~~linking~~ veterans, or their  
124 spouses who are in the target market ~~in search of employment~~  
125 with businesses seeking to hire dedicated, well-trained workers  
126 and with opportunities for entrepreneurship education, training,  
127 and resources. The purpose of the program is to meet the



128 workforce demands of businesses in this ~~the~~ state by  
129 facilitating access to training and education in high-demand  
130 fields for such individuals and to inspire the growth and  
131 development of veteran-owned small businesses ~~veterans or their~~  
132 ~~spouses~~.

133 (4) ~~(3)~~ ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall  
134 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program  
135 and perform all of the following functions:

136 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at  
137 individuals within the target market ~~veterans or their spouses~~  
138 who reside in or ~~who~~ have an interest in relocating to this  
139 state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must include  
140 information related to how ~~a veteran's~~ military experience can  
141 be valuable to a target industry or secondary industry business.  
142 Such efforts may include attending ~~veteran~~ job fairs and events,  
143 hosting events for servicemembers, veterans, and their spouses  
144 or the business community, and using digital and social media  
145 and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall also include  
146 such marketing as part of its main marketing campaign.

147 (b) Assist individuals in the target market ~~veterans or~~  
148 ~~their spouses~~ who reside in or relocate to this state and who  
149 are seeking employment with target industry or secondary  
150 industry businesses. The corporation shall offer skills  
151 assessments to such individuals ~~veterans or their spouses~~ and  
152 assist them in establishing employment goals and applying for  
153 and achieving gainful employment.

154 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill  
155 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills  
156 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military



157 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian  
158 workforce skills.

159 2. Assistance may include providing the servicemember,  
160 veteran, or his or her spouse with information on current  
161 workforce demand by industry or geographic region, creating  
162 employment goals, and aiding or teaching general knowledge  
163 related to completing applications. ~~The corporation may provide~~  
164 ~~information related to industry certifications approved by the~~  
165 ~~Department of Education under s. 1008.44 as well as information~~  
166 ~~related to earning academic college credit at public~~  
167 ~~postsecondary educational institutions for college-level~~  
168 ~~training and education acquired in the military under s.~~  
169 ~~1004.096.~~

170 3. ~~The corporation shall encourage veterans or their~~  
171 ~~spouses to register with the state's job bank system and may~~  
172 ~~refer veterans to local one-stop career centers for further~~  
173 ~~services. The corporation shall provide each veteran with~~  
174 ~~information about state workforce programs and shall consolidate~~  
175 ~~information about all available resources on one website that,~~  
176 ~~if possible, includes a hyperlink to each resource's website and~~  
177 ~~contact information, if available.~~

178 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by  
179 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most  
180 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans or their spouses.

181 (c) Assist Florida target industry and secondary industry  
182 businesses in recruiting and hiring individuals in the target  
183 market ~~veterans and veterans' spouses~~. The corporation shall  
184 provide services to Florida businesses to meet their hiring  
185 needs by connecting businesses with suitable ~~veteran~~ applicants



186 for employment. Suitable applicants include veterans or  
187 veterans' spouses who have appropriate job skills or may need  
188 additional training to meet the specific needs of a business.  
189 The corporation shall also provide information about the state  
190 and federal benefits of hiring veterans.

191 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist  
192 individuals in the target market ~~veterans~~ in meeting the  
193 workforce-skill needs of target industry and secondary industry  
194 businesses seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve  
195 specialized skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval  
196 of requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for  
197 this program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of  
198 available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may  
199 fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

200 1. The program may prioritize ~~If grant funds to be~~ are used  
201 to provide a ~~technical~~ certificate, a license ~~licensure~~, or  
202 nondegree training from the Master Credentials List pursuant to  
203 s. 445.004(4) (h); any federally created certifications or  
204 licenses; and any skills-based industry certifications or  
205 licenses deemed relevant or necessary by the corporation. a  
206 ~~degree~~, Funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes,  
207 but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and  
208 licensure. ~~Instruction funded through the program terminates~~  
209 ~~when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified~~  
210 ~~in the request but may not exceed 12 months. Preference shall be~~  
211 ~~given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.005,~~  
212 ~~and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,~~  
213 ~~health care, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.~~

214 2. Costs and expenditures are ~~shall be~~ limited to \$8,000





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215 per ~~veteran~~ trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire  
216 cost for all of the training provided before receiving  
217 reimbursement from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the  
218 cost to train a veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee.  
219 Eligible costs and expenditures include, but are not limited to:

220 a. Tuition and fees.

221 b. Books and classroom materials.

222 c. Rental fees for facilities.

223 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to  
224 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement  
225 between the business requesting funds and the corporation. Such  
226 agreement must include, but need not be limited to:

227 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the  
228 instructional program, instructional program description, and  
229 any vendors used to conduct the instructional program.

230 b. Identification of the estimated duration of the  
231 instructional program.

232 c. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

233 d. Identification of special program requirements that are  
234 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

235 e. Permission to access aggregate information specific to  
236 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of  
237 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify  
238 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may  
239 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

240 4. A business may receive a grant under any state program  
241 ~~the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047~~ and  
242 a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee.

243 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an



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244 entrepreneur initiative program for individuals in the target  
245 market ~~veterans~~ in this state which connects business leaders in  
246 the state with such individuals ~~veterans~~ seeking to become  
247 entrepreneurs.

248 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance  
249 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one  
250 or more public or private entities that:

251 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the  
252 commitment of resources, including financial resources, to such  
253 programs.

254 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with veteran  
255 entrepreneurs.

256 c. As determined by the corporation, have been recognized  
257 for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to launch  
258 successful businesses in this ~~the~~ state.

259 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,  
260 including a focus on employment and business creation. The  
261 entity may also work with a university or college offering  
262 related programs to refer individuals in the target market  
263 ~~veterans~~ or to provide services. The entrepreneur initiative  
264 program may include activities and assistance such as peer-to-  
265 peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,  
266 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of  
267 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a  
268 virtual environment.

269 (f) Administer a ~~As the state's principal assistance~~  
270 ~~organization under the United States Department of Defense's~~  
271 SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ for target industry and secondary  
272 industry ~~qualified~~ businesses in this state and for eligible



273 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~  
274 who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this state. In  
275 administering the initiative, the corporation shall:

276 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its certification  
277 for the SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ or any other similar  
278 workforce training and transition programs established by the  
279 United States Department of Defense;

280 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and eligible  
281 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ on  
282 the SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ and its benefits, and educate  
283 military command and personnel within the state on the  
284 opportunities available to eligible individuals in the target  
285 market ~~transitioning servicemembers through the SkillBridge~~  
286 ~~program~~;

287 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled  
288 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge initiative  
289 ~~program~~, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,  
290 internships, or fellowships; and

291 4. Match eligible individuals in the target market  
292 ~~transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for~~  
293 ~~SkillBridge participation by their military command with~~  
294 training opportunities offered by the corporation or  
295 participating businesses, with the intent of having them  
296 ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ achieve gainful employment in this  
297 state upon completion of their SkillBridge training.

298 ~~(g) Assist veterans and their spouses in accessing~~  
299 ~~training, education, and employment in health care professions.~~

300 ~~(h) Coordinate with the Office of Veteran Licensure~~  
301 ~~Services within the Department of Health to assist veterans and~~



302 ~~their spouses in obtaining licensure pursuant to s. 456.024.~~

303 (5) COLLABORATION.—

304 (a) The corporation may assist state agencies and entities  
305 with recruiting veteran talent into their workforces.

306 (b) The corporation is encouraged to, and may collaborate  
307 with state agencies and other entities in efforts to, maximize  
308 access to and provide information on one website that, if  
309 possible, includes hyperlinks to the websites of and contact  
310 information, if available, for state agencies and other entities  
311 that maintain benefits, services, training, education, and other  
312 resources that are available to veterans and their spouses.

313 (c) The corporation may collaborate with other state  
314 agencies and entities for outreach, information exchange,  
315 marketing, and referrals regarding programs and initiatives that  
316 include, but are not limited to, the program created by this  
317 section and those within any of the following:

318 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:

319 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.

320 b. Hope Navigators Program.

321 2. The Department of Commerce:

322 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and local veteran  
323 employment representatives.

324 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards  
325 employment and recruitment services.

326 c. The Quick-Response Training Program.

327 d. Efforts of the Florida Defense Support Task Force  
328 created under s. 288.987, the Florida Small Business Development  
329 Center Network, and the direct support organization established  
330 in s. 288.012(6).



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331           3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,  
332 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee  
333 waivers.

334           4. The Department of Education:

335           a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.

336           b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at  
337 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level  
338 training and education acquired in the military under s.  
339 1004.096.

340           5. The Department of Health:

341           a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.

342           b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online  
343 Response expedited licensing.

344           6. The Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help.

345           Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida  
346 Statutes, is amended to read:

347           379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from  
348 fees and requirements.—

349           (1) The commission shall issue without fee hunting,  
350 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits  
351 ~~shall be issued without fee~~ to any resident who is certified or  
352 determined to be:

353           (a) ~~To be~~ Totally and permanently disabled for purposes of  
354 workers' compensation under chapter 440 as verified by an order  
355 of a judge of compensation claims or written confirmation by the  
356 carrier providing workers' compensation benefits, or to be  
357 totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement  
358 Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or  
359 its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed



360 Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued under  
361 ~~the provisions of s. 295.17, upon proof of such certification or~~  
362 determination same. Any license issued under this paragraph  
363 after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be  
364 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

365 (b) ~~To be~~ Disabled by the United States Social Security  
366 Administration, upon proof of such certification or  
367 determination same. Any license issued under this paragraph  
368 after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be  
369 reissued, upon proof of certification of disability, every 2  
370 years thereafter.

371 (c) A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
372 who was honorably discharged upon separation from service and  
373 who is certified by the United States Department of Veterans  
374 Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States  
375 Armed Forces as having a service-connected disability percentage  
376 rating of 50 percent or greater, upon proof of such  
377 certification or determination. Any license issued under this  
378 paragraph after July 1, 2024, expires after 5 years and must be  
379 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

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381 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July  
382 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license  
383 has expired.

384 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 381.78, Florida  
385 Statutes, is amended to read:

386 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries.—

387 (1) There is created within the department an 18-member a  
388 ~~16-member~~ advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries.



389 The council shall be composed of a minimum of four individuals  
390 who have brain injuries or are family members of individuals who  
391 have brain injuries, a minimum of four individuals who have  
392 spinal cord injuries or are family members of individuals who  
393 have spinal cord injuries, and a minimum of two individuals who  
394 represent the special needs of children who have brain or spinal  
395 cord injuries. The balance of the council members shall be  
396 physicians, other allied health professionals, administrators of  
397 brain and spinal cord injury programs, and representatives from  
398 support groups that have expertise in areas related to the  
399 rehabilitation of individuals who have brain or spinal cord  
400 injuries. Additionally, the council must include two veterans  
401 who have or have had a traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic  
402 encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to military  
403 service, or include the family members of such veterans.

404 Section 6. Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section  
405 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

406 1003.42 Required instruction.—

407 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public  
408 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education  
409 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and  
410 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the  
411 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,  
412 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing  
413 approved methods of instruction, the following:

414 (u)1. In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that  
415 ~~veterans and~~ Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our  
416 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such  
417 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day~~7~~



418 ~~Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day.~~ Members of the instructional  
419 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and  
420 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

421 2. The history and importance of Veterans' Day and Memorial  
422 Day. Such instruction may include two 45-minute lessons that  
423 occur on or before the respective holidays.

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425 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards  
426 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.  
427 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the  
428 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is  
429 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or  
430 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness  
431 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

432 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
433 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

434 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The  
435 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of  
436 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)  
437 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the  
438 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
439 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic  
440 Development Programs Evaluation.

441 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and  
442 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development  
443 programs as provided in the following schedule:

444 (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter, an  
445 analysis of the following:

446 1. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or space





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447 technology sales established under s. 212.08(5)(j).

448         2. The Military Base Protection Program established under  
449 s. 288.980.

450         3. The Quick Response Training Program established under s.  
451 288.047.

452         4. The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under  
453 s. 445.003.

454         5. The direct-support organization and international trade  
455 and business development programs established or funded under s.  
456 288.012 or s. 288.826.

457         6. The program established under s. 295.22(3) ~~s. 295.22(2)~~.

458         Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
459 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a  
460 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
461 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

462             379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—

463             (2)

464             (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not  
465 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the  
466 commission for a special authorization to hunt under  
467 supervision. The special authorization for supervised hunting  
468 shall be designated on any license or permit required under this  
469 chapter for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals. A  
470 person issued a license with a special authorization to hunt  
471 under supervision must hunt under the supervision of, and in the  
472 presence of, a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed  
473 to hunt pursuant to s. 379.354 or who is exempt from licensing  
474 requirements or eligible for a free license pursuant to s.  
475 379.353.



476 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
477 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in  
478 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and  
479 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 379.401, Florida  
480 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

481 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for  
482 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and  
483 forfeiture of licenses and permits.—

484 (2) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.—

485 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Two violation but who  
486 has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within  
487 the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,  
488 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

489 2. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 3. or  
490 subparagraph 4. apply, a person who commits a Level Two  
491 violation within 3 years after a previous conviction for a Level  
492 Two or higher violation commits a misdemeanor of the first  
493 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with  
494 a minimum mandatory fine of \$250.

495 3. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 4. apply,  
496 a person who commits a Level Two violation within 5 years after  
497 two previous convictions for a Level Two or higher violation,  
498 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
499 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum mandatory  
500 fine of \$500 and a suspension of any recreational license or  
501 permit issued under s. 379.354 for 1 year. Such suspension shall  
502 include the suspension of the privilege to obtain such license  
503 or permit and the suspension of the ability to exercise any  
504 privilege granted under any exemption in s. 379.353.



505           4. A person who commits a Level Two violation within 10  
506 years after three previous convictions for a Level Two or higher  
507 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
508 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
509 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational  
510 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for 3 years. Such  
511 suspension shall include the suspension of the privilege to  
512 obtain such license or permit and the suspension of the ability  
513 to exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
514 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual  
515 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354  
516 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
517 the violation.

518           (3) LEVEL THREE VIOLATIONS.—

519           (b)1. A person who commits a Level Three violation but who  
520 has not been convicted of a Level Three or higher violation  
521 within the past 10 years commits a misdemeanor of the first  
522 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

523           2. A person who commits a Level Three violation within 10  
524 years after a previous conviction for a Level Three or higher  
525 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
526 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum  
527 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational  
528 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for the remainder of  
529 the period for which the license or permit was issued up to 3  
530 years. Such suspension shall include the suspension of the  
531 privilege to obtain such license or permit and the ability to  
532 exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the  
533 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual



534 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354  
535 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of  
536 the violation.

537 3. A person who commits a violation of s. 379.354(17) shall  
538 receive a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Any privileges under ss.  
539 379.353 and 379.354 may not be acquired for a 5-year period  
540 following the date of the violation.

541 Section 10. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of  
542 \$91,207 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
543 appropriated to the Division of Arts and Culture of the  
544 Department of State, and one full-time equivalent position with  
545 associated salary rate of 68,771 is authorized, to implement and  
546 administer the Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History  
547 Program as created by this act.

548 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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550 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

551 And the title is amended as follows:

552 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
553 and insert:

554 A bill to be entitled

555 An act relating to veterans; creating s. 265.8021,  
556 F.S.; defining the term "veteran"; creating the Major  
557 John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History Program  
558 within the Division of Arts and Culture of the  
559 Department of State as a Florida Folklife Program;  
560 providing the program's purpose; authorizing the  
561 division to request assistance from the Department of  
562 Veterans' Affairs; requiring the division's



563 folklorists to seek out and identify certain veterans;  
564 authorizing the division or a folklorist to interview  
565 such veterans or invite them to submit written or  
566 electronic accounts of their experiences; authorizing  
567 the division to contract with a third-party vendor for  
568 a specified purpose; authorizing the division to adopt  
569 rules; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; revising the purpose  
570 of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; revising the duties  
571 of the corporation to require that it conduct  
572 specified activities directed toward its target  
573 market; defining the term "target market"; revising  
574 the number of members on the corporation's board of  
575 directors; deleting obsolete language; specifying that  
576 certain appointments made by the President of the  
577 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
578 may not be from their respective chambers; providing  
579 that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
580 the House of Representatives shall each appoint one  
581 member from his or her chamber to serve as ex officio,  
582 nonvoting members of the corporation's board of  
583 directors; making technical changes; amending s.  
584 295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose of  
585 the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program;  
586 revising the functions that Florida Is For Veterans,  
587 Inc., must perform in administering a specified  
588 program; authorizing the program to prioritize grant  
589 funds; revising the uses of specified grant funds;  
590 authorizing a business to receive certain other grant  
591 funds in addition to specified grant funds;



592 authorizing the corporation to provide certain  
593 assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide  
594 a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to  
595 collaborate with specified state agencies and other  
596 entities for specified purposes; conforming provisions  
597 to changes made by the act; making technical changes;  
598 amending s. 379.353, F.S.; providing free hunting,  
599 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to  
600 certain disabled veterans; providing that specified  
601 licenses issued to such veterans expire periodically  
602 and must be reissued upon request after such time  
603 period; amending s. 381.78, F.S.; revising the  
604 membership of the advisory council on brain and spinal  
605 cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring  
606 instruction on the history and importance of Veterans'  
607 Day and Memorial Day; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.;  
608 conforming a cross-reference; reenacting ss.  
609 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and (3)(b), F.S.,  
610 relating to special authorization hunting licenses and  
611 the suspension and forfeiture of licenses and permits,  
612 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s.  
613 379.353, F.S., in references thereto; providing an  
614 appropriation and authorizing a position; providing an  
615 effective date.