

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Veterans' History  
3           Program; creating s. 265.8021, F.S.; defining the term  
4           "veteran"; creating the Florida Veterans' History  
5           Program within the Division of Arts and Culture of the  
6           Department of State as a Florida Folklife Program;  
7           providing the program's purpose; authorizing the  
8           division to request assistance from the Department of  
9           Veterans' Affairs; requiring the division's  
10          folklorists to seek out and identify certain veterans;  
11          authorizing the division or a folklorist to interview  
12          such veterans or invite them to submit written or  
13          electronic accounts of their experiences; authorizing  
14          the division to contract with a third-party vendor for  
15          a specified purpose; authorizing the division to adopt  
16          rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

22               265.8021 Florida Veterans' History Program.—

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

25               (2) There is created the Florida Veterans' History Program

26 within the Division of Arts and Culture as a Florida Folklife  
27 Program to collect and preserve the stories and experiences of  
28 Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's military  
29 contributions throughout the nation's history. The division may  
30 request assistance with the program from the Department of  
31 Veterans' Affairs.

32 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and  
33 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's  
34 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the  
35 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those  
36 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The  
37 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite  
38 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their  
39 experiences for inclusion in the program.

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

43 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.  
44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.