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UVC State Legislation Watch

2020 General Assembly Action Summary

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Bills Directly Impacting Veterans/Military

HB20-1051

Identification of Veteran Remains for Proper Military Burial

Concerning final disposition of the abandoned cremated remains of persons eligible for interment in a national cemetery.

Last Action: 03/20/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Rep. J. Rich | Rep. M. Duran | Sen. R. Scott | Sen. L. Crowder

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Jan 21, 2020 Executive Cmte.

HB20-1190

Disabled Veteran Registration Fees and Ownership Tax

Concerning clarifying whether a veteran with a disability needs to obtain a disabled veteran license plate to qualify for the current exemption from paying vehicle assessments.

Last Action: 06/16/2020 | House Committee on Appropriations Lay Over Unamended - Amendment(s) Failed

Sponsors: Rep. D. Valdez | Rep. L. Landgraf | Sen. R. Fields

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

HB20-1220

Veterans Community Living Center Services Assessment

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Concerning a statewide needs assessment of services provided by veteran's community living centers.

Last Action: 05/28/2020 | House Second Reading Laid Over to 12/31/2020 - No Amendments

Sponsors: Rep. M. Snyder | Rep. T. Carver | Sen. P. Lee

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

HB20-1222

Veteran Hiring Preference

Concerning the authority of a private employer to adopt a veteran's preference employment policy when hiring new employees.

Last Action: 06/3/2020 | House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Rep. T. Carver | Sen. D. Hisey | Sen. N. Todd

Session: 2020 Regular

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

HB20-1275

In-state Tuition at Community College for Military

Concerning providing in-state tuition status at a community college for military families regardless of whether Colorado domicile status is satisfied.

Last Action: 03/27/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Rep. B. Buentello | Sen. D. Hisey

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

HB20-1326

Create Occupational Credential Portability Program

Concerning an expansion of an individual's ability to practice an occupation in Colorado through creation of an occupational credential portability program. *The bill also relocates the existing occupational credential exemption for military spouses to the new occupational credential portability program and modifies the exemption.*

LAST ACTION: 06/25/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. S. Bird | Rep. K. Van Winkle | Sen. P. Lee | Sen. B. Gardner

Session: 2020 Regular

UVC Position:
Late bill

HB20-1373

Use of Tobacco Revenues Under Fiscal Emergency

Concerning the use of tobacco revenues generated under section 21 of article X of the state constitution in a state fiscal emergency, and, in connection therewith, making and reducing an appropriation.

LAST ACTION: 06/1/2020 | House Second Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Esgar | Rep. J. McCluskie | Sen. D. Moreno | Sen. R. Zenzinger

Session: 2020 Regular

UVC Position:
Late bill

HB20-1380

Move Tobacco Litigation Settlement Moneys General Fund

Concerning the redirection of a portion of tobacco litigation settlement moneys to the general fund.

LAST ACTION: 06/29/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. J. McCluskie | Rep. K. Ransom | Sen. D. Moreno | Sen. R. Zenzinger

Session: 2020 Regular

UVC Position:
Late bill

HB20-1381

Cash Fund Transfers General Fund

Concerning the augmentation of the general fund through transfers of certain money. (\$7.9M from Fort Logan property sale; \$1M from Veteran Assistance Grant Program.)

LAST ACTION: 06/29/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. K. Ransom | Rep. D. Esgar | Sen. R. Zenzinger | Sen. B. Rankin

Session: 2020 Regular

UVC Position:
Late bill

SB20-022

Increase Medical Providers for Senior Citizens

Concerning modifications to the Colorado health service corps program administered by the department of public health and environment to expand the availability of geriatric care providers in shortage areas in the state.

Last Action: 05/28/2020 | Senate Second Reading Laid Over to 12/31/2020 - No Amendments

Sponsors: Sen. J. Danielson | Rep. B. Titone | Rep. M. Duran

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-041

National Guard Parks and Wildlife Benefits

Concerning parks passes for active members of the National Guard.

Last Action: 07/2/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Sen. J. Cooke | Rep. S. Beckman

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-069

Disabled Veterans Free State Park Access

Concerning the documentation required for a disabled veteran to receive a free transferable annual park pass.

Last Action: 03/11/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Sen. L. Garcia

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Jan 21, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-082

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Awards

Concerning awards issued by the department of military and veterans affairs.

Last Action: 03/20/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Sen. D. Hisey | Sen. N. Todd | Rep. L. Landgraf | Rep. S. Lontine

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Jan 21, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-091

Minimum Pay for State Military Forces

Concerning increasing the minimum pay for state military forces called into service by the governor.

Last Action: 03/18/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Sen. R. Zenzinger | Sen. J. Sonnenberg | Rep. T. Exum

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Jan 21, 2020 Executive Cmte.

Subject: Military & Veterans

SB20-122

Mobile Veteran Support Unit Grant Program

Concerning establishing a mobile veteran support unit grant program.

Last Action: 06/10/2020 | Senate Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. K. Donovan

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-148

Property Tax Exemption Value Adjustments

Concerning the amount of actual value of residential real property owned and occupied by a qualifying senior or a qualifying disabled veteran that is partly exempt from property taxation.

Last Action: 02/27/2020 | Senate Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. V. Marble | Rep. L. Saine

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Feb. 25, 2020 Executive Cmte.

SB20-178

Woman Veteran Disability License Plate

Concerning a license plate to honor women veterans who have disabilities.

Last Action: 05/28/2020 | House Committee on Finance Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. R. Zenzinger | Sen. J. Danielson | Rep. T. Carver | Rep. D. Michaelson Jenet

Session:
2020 Regular Session

UVC Position:
SUPPORT
Mar 24, 2020 Executive Cmte.

Introduced Bills that may Impact Some UVC Goals but are not Directly Related to Veterans, Military

SB20-020

Reduce the State Income Tax Rate

Concerning a reduction of the state income tax rate.

Last Action: 01/22/2020 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. J. Sonnenberg | Rep. R. Pelton

SB20-049

Senior Property Tax Exemption Medical Necessity

Concerning the preservation of the senior property tax exemption of a senior who changes primary residences due to medical necessity.

Last Action: 01/29/2020 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. B. Gardner | Rep. T. Carver | Rep. S. Beckman

SB20-161

Pretrial Release

Concerning pretrial release, and, in connection therewith, requiring a pretrial release assessment process, an administrative order for immediate pretrial release without monetary conditions, and a pretrial services program.

Last Action: 06/10/2020 | Senate Committee on Appropriations Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. P. Lee | Sen. B. Gardner | Rep. L. Herod | Rep. M. Soper

SB20-188

Plain Language in Hospital Bills

UPDATED: August 11, 2020

Concerning a requirement for the use of plain language in bills for medical services.

Last Action: 05/27/2020 | Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Sen. R. Fields

SB20-198

Office of Information Technology Authorized to Hire Tech Experts for Digital Services

Concerning the authority of the chief information officer to hire technology experts to support the delivery of digital services information technology projects.

Last Action: 05/27/2020 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

HB20-1002

College Credit for Work Experience

Concerning a statewide plan for awarding college credit for work-related experience.

Last Action: 07/8/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Rep. B. McLachlan | Rep. M. Baisley | Sen. R. Zenzinger | Sen. T. Story

HB20-1017

Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Criminal Justice System

Concerning treatment of individuals with substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

Last Action: 07/13/2020 | Governor Signed

Sponsors: Rep. L. Herod | Rep. C. Kennedy | Sen. K. Donovan | Sen. K. Priola

HB20-1169

Prohibit Discrimination Labor Union Participation

UPDATED: August 11, 2020

Concerning the prohibition of discrimination against employees based on labor union participation.

Last Action: 02/25/2020 | House Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Rep. K. Ransom | Rep. P. Neville | Sen. B. Gardner | Sen. V. Marble

HB20-1329

Department SMART Act Report Unfunded Programs

Concerning a departmental report to the general assembly about unfunded programs that have not received any money for at least six fiscal years.

Last Action: 05/27/2020 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely

Sponsors: Rep. C. Kipp | Rep. L. Saine | Sen. N. Todd | Sen. P. Lundeen

HB20-1349

Colorado Affordable Health Care Option

Concerning the Colorado option plan to be implemented by executive agencies in order to create more affordable health benefit plans for health care consumers in this state.

Last Action: 06/16/2020 | House Committee on Appropriations Lay Over Unamended - Amendment(s) Failed

Sponsors: Rep. D. Roberts | Rep. C. Kennedy | Sen. K. Donovan

HB20-1360

2020-21 Long Bill

Concerning the provision for payment of the expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the state of Colorado, and of its agencies and institutions, for and during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, except as otherwise noted.

LAST ACTION: 06/22/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Esgar | Sen. D. Moreno

HB20-1388

Statutory Provisions Divert General Fund Reversions

Concerning statutory provisions on money from the general fund for programs operated by the department of human services, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

LAST ACTION: 06/24/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. K. Ransom | Sen. R. Zenzinger

HB20-1392

Council and Parking Program for Persons with Disability

Concerning the repeal of certain provisions related to persons with a disability, and, in connection therewith, reducing an appropriation.

LAST ACTION: 06/26/2020 | Governor Signed

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Esgar | Rep. K. Ransom | Sen. R. Zenzinger