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UVC State Legislation Watch

2022 General Assembly Action Summary

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General Assembly Update as of May 9, 715 measures introduced; House measures: 418 bills, 2 memorials; 35 resolutions; Senate measures: 239 bills, 2 memorials, 19 resolutions.

Measures introduced, considered and Postponed Indefinitely are in ~~gray~~ with strike through.

Bills Directly Impacting Veterans/Military

HCR22-1003

Extend Homestead Exemption to Gold Star Spouses

Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the extension of the property tax exemption for qualifying seniors and disabled veterans to the surviving spouse of a United States armed forces service member who died in the line of duty or veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.

LAST ACTION: 05/6/2022 | Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: Expenditures Budget Year FY 2022-23, \$48,276; FY 2023-24, \$596,806.

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Geitner](#) (R-19) | [Rep. C.Kipp](#) (D-52) | [Sen. J. Bridges](#) (D-26) | [Sen. P. Lundeen](#) (R-9)

SUBJECTS: Fiscal Policy & Taxes; Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

Date: Feb. 8, 2022

HB22-1102

Veterans And Military Status in Fair Housing

Concerning protected classes in fair housing practices, and, in connection therewith, including a veteran or military status as a protected class.

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LAST ACTION: 04/05/2022 | Signed by Governor

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Rep. T. Sullivan \(D-37\)](#) | [Sen. B. Gardner \(R-12\)](#)

SUBJECTS: Housing

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

Date: EXCOM – Feb 8, 2022

HB22-1219

Veterans Resource Information Clearinghouse Online Portal

Concerning establishing an online portal within the veterans' resource information clearinghouse.

LAST ACTION: 03/7/2022 | House Committee on State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs Refer Amended (1) to Appropriations

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$434,924 to the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs. Outyear \$453,873.

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Duran](#) (D-24) | [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Sen. B. Pettersen](#) (D-22)

SUBJECT: Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

Date: EXCOM – Mar 8, 2022

HB22-1329

2022-23 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, 2022, except as otherwise noted. *(Note: This summary applies to the reengrossed version of this bill as introduced in the second house.)*

This bill adds one FTE to the Division of Veterans Affairs and includes a footnote that it is the intent of the General Assembly to have one DVA FTE be responsible for developing and implementing an equitable, diverse, and inclusive outreach program for veterans of the armed services.

LAST ACTION: **04/25/2022** | **Sent to the Governor**

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NEXT ACTION:

SPONSORS: [REP. J. McCluskie](#) (D-61); [Sen. C. Hansen](#) (D-31)

SUBJECT: State Revenue & Budget

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

Date: EXCOM – April 12, 2022

HB22-1407

Veterans Audit Higher Education Courses

Concerning requiring postsecondary institutions to permit veterans to audit courses offered by the institution for no credit if there is space available for the veteran in the course. An institution may set and collect a fee of no more than \$10 per audited course.

LAST ACTION: **05/6/2022 | Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed - No Amendments (2 amendments in House)**

NEXT ACTION: Senate Floor Work – Monday, May 9 – 10 AM. Senate Chamber

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: Rep. D. Valdez (D-62); Rep. D. Ortiz (D-38); Sen. N. Hinrichsen (D-3)

SUBJECTS: Education & School Finance (Pre & K-12)
Military & Veterans

UVC Position:

Position: Support

Date: EXCOM – May 10, 2022

SB22-116

Increase Occupational Credential Portability

Concerning the ability of an individual to obtain an occupational credential through the occupational credential portability program. (And adding a military occupational specialty to the types of occupational credentials that qualify a person for a credential through the program.)

LAST ACTION: **05/2/2022 | Governor Signed**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Holbert](#) (R-30) | [Sen. B. Pettersen](#) (D-22) | [Rep. K. Van Winkle](#) (R-43) | [Rep. S. Bird](#) (D-35)

SUBJECT: Professions & Occupations

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

SB22-190

United States Space Force Special License Plate

Concerning the creation of a United States Space Force special license plate.

LAST ACTION: 05/9/2022 | House Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

NEXT ACTION: Heading to Governor for signature

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$23,278 to the Department of Revenue

SPONSORS: Sen. J. Danielson (D-20) | Sen. D. Coram (R-6); Rep. D. Ortiz (D-38)

SUBJECT: Transportation & Motor Vehicles

UVC Position:

Position: SUPPORT

Date: EXCOM – Apr 12, 2022

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

NOTE:

HB22-1093

Updates To Bingo and Raffles Law

Concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activity, and, in connection therewith, modernizing the "Bingo and Raffles Law" to accommodate the use of improved electronic aids and devices in the conduct of games of chance.

LAST ACTION: 04/13/2022 | House Considered Senate Amendments - Result was to Concur – Repass (6 amendments)

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$47,471 to the Secretary of State's Office. The bill increases state revenue to the Department of State Cash Fund by \$5,400 in FY 2022-23, and by \$5,500 in FY 2023-24. Fee revenue from licensing is subject to TABOR.

SPONSORS: [Rep. K. McCormick](#) (D-11) | [Rep. P. Will](#) (R-57) | [Sen. J. Smallwood](#) (R-4)

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SUBJECT: Gaming, Lottery, & Racing

UVC Position:

Position: **MONITOR**

Date: EXCOM – Feb 8, 2022

HB22-1344

FDA-approved Prescription 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine Drug Use

Concerning the lawful use of a prescription drug that contains 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) that is approved by the United States food and drug administration. The bill states that if the United States food and drug administration approves a prescription medicine that contains 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), and if that medicine has been placed on a schedule of the federal "Controlled Substances Act", other than schedule I, or has been exempted from one or more provisions of such act, then thereafter prescribing, dispensing, transporting, possessing, and using that prescription drug is legal in Colorado.

LAST ACTION: **04/29/2022 | Senate Third Reading Passed - No New Amendments (2 amendments in House)**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Rep. P. Neville](#) (R-45) | [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Sen. J. Cooke](#) (R-13) | [Sen. J. Ginal](#) (D-14)

SUBJECT: Health Care & Health Insurance

UVC Position:

Position: **MONITOR w/ concerns**

Date: EXCOM – Apr 12, 2022

SB22-010

Pretrial Diversion for Person with Behavioral Health

Concerning pretrial diversion programs that are intended to identify eligible individuals who have behavioral health disorders in order to divert them from the criminal justice system into community treatment programs.

LAST ACTION: **05/2/2022 | Governor Signed**

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

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SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Simpson](#) (R-35) | [Sen. P. Lee](#) (D-11) | [Rep. A. Benavidez](#) (D-32) | [Rep. J. Amabile](#) (D-13)

SUBJECTS: Courts & Judicial Crimes, Correc., & Enforce.

UVC Position:

Position: MONITOR

Date: EXCOM – Feb. 8, 2022

SB22-021

Treatment Behavioral Health Disorders Justice System

Concerning the treatment of persons with behavioral health disorders in the justice system.

LAST ACTION: 05/4/2022 | Senate Considered House Amendments - Result was to Not Concur - Request Conference Committee (4 amendments)

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$106,643 to the Legislative Department.

SPONSORS: [Sen. R. Rodriguez](#) (D-32) | [Sen. P. Lee](#) (D-11) | [Rep. A. Benavidez](#) (D-32) | [Rep. J. Amabile](#) (D-13)

SUBJECT: Crimes, Corrections, & Enforcement

UVC Position:

Position: MONITOR

Date: Feb. 8, 2022

SB22-079

Dementia Training Requirements Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Department of Health Care Policy and Financing Rules

Concerning required dementia training for direct-care staff of specified facilities that provide services to clients living with dementia. (Impacts VCLCs)

LAST ACTION: 05/6/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

NEXT ACTION:

FISCAL NOTE: No appropriation is required.

SPONSORS: [Sen. C. Kolker](#) (D-27) | [Sen. J. Ginal](#) (D-14) | [Rep. M. Young](#) (D-50)

SUBJECTS: Health Care & Health Insurance Public

UVC Position:

Position: MONITOR

SB22-093

Expand Senior and Veteran Property Tax Exemptions

~~Concerning expansion of existing property tax exemptions for certain owner-occupied primary residences, and, in connection therewith, increasing the exempt amount of actual value of the owner-occupied primary residence of a qualifying senior or veteran with a disability and preserving the exemption of a senior who changes primary residences due to medical necessity.~~

~~LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
Postpone Indefinitely~~

~~FISCAL NOTE: For FY 2022-23, the bill requires an appropriation of \$38,400 to the Department of Local Affairs. Budget Year FY 2022-23 \$89.4M; Out Year FY 2023-24 \$98.9 million.~~

~~SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Liston \(R-10\)](#) | [Rep. T. Carver \(R-20\)](#)~~

~~SUBJECT: Fiscal Policy & Taxes~~

UVC Position:
Position: SUPPORT
Date: Feb. 8, 2022

Resolutions and Memorials

HCR22-1006

Charitable Gaming Constitutional Amendment

Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the conduct of charitable gaming activities, and, in connection therewith, allowing managers and operators to be paid and repealing the required period of a charitable organization's continuous existence before obtaining a charitable gaming license.

LAST ACTION: 05/9/2022 | Senate Second Reading Special Order - Passed - No Amendments

SPONSORS: [Rep. P. Will \(R-57\)](#) | [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Sen. R. Rodriguez \(D-32\)](#) | [Sen. J. Smallwood \(R-4\)](#)

HJR22-1006

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Military, Veterans, Missing in Action Prisoner of War Appreciation Day

Concerning recognition of Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW Appreciation Day.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Young](#) (D-50) | [Rep. T. Carver](#) (R-20) | [Sen. R. Zenzinger](#) (D-19) | [Sen. B. Gardner](#) (R-12)

HJR22-1007

Recognition of African-American Veterans

Concerning recognition of African-American veterans.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. L. Herod](#) (D-8) | [Rep. J. Bacon](#) (D-7) | [Sen. J. Coleman](#) (D-33) | [Sen. J. Buckner](#) (D-28)

HJR22-1008

Contributions of Latino and Latina Veterans

Concerning recognition of the contributions of Latina and Latino veterans.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Rep. R. Holtorf](#) (R-64) | [Sen. R. Rodriguez](#) (D-32) | [Sen. D. Moreno](#) (D-21)

HJR22-1009

Honoring Colorado Veterans of World War II

Concerning honoring Colorado veterans on the seventy-seventh anniversary of the end of World War II.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Weissman](#) (D-36) | [Rep. R. Hanks](#) (R-60) | [Sen. K. Donovan](#) (D-5) | [Sen. L. Liston](#) (R-10)

HJR22-1010

Colorado Vietnam War Veterans

UPDATED: May 11, 2022

Concerning the recognition and remembrance of military veterans in Colorado who served in the Vietnam War.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Sullivan](#) (D-37) | [Rep. A. Pico](#) (R-16) | [Sen. R. Fields](#) (D-29) | [Sen. B. Rankin](#) (R-8)

HJR22-1011

Honoring Gold Star Families

Concerning honoring gold star families.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Bennett](#) (D-12) | [Rep. T. Geitner](#) (R-19) | [Sen. C. Kolker](#) (D-27) | [Sen. P. Lundeen](#) (R-9)

HJR22-1012

United States Space Command Colorado

Concerning reaffirming Colorado to be the permanent location for the United States Space Command, and, in connection therewith, urging the Department of Defense to keep the United States Space Command in Colorado.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. M. Snyder](#) (D-18) | [Rep. M. Lynch](#) (R-49) | [Sen. L. Garcia](#) (D-3) | [Sen. D. Hisey](#) (R-2)

HJR22-1013

U.S.S. Pueblo

Concerning the fifty-fourth anniversary of the capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo by North Korea.

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Esgar](#) (D-46) | [Rep. S. Luck](#) (R-47) | [Sen. L. Garcia](#) (D-3) | [Sen. C. Simpson](#) (R-35)

HJR22-1014

Sergeant First Class Will Lindsay Memorial Highway

UPDATED: May 11, 2022

Concerning the designation of a portion of Colorado State Highway 21 from Kettle Creek to Woodmen Road in El Paso County as the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 02/10/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Rep. S. Sandridge](#) (R-14) | [Sen. P. Lee](#) (D-11) | [Sen. L. Liston](#) (R-10)

HJR22-1015

Designate CW3 Scott A. M. Oswell Memorial Highway

Concerning the designation of a portion of Colorado State Highway 115 as the "CW3 Scott A. M. Oswell Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 03/25/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Carver](#) (R-20) | [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Sen. D. Hisey](#) (R-2) | [Sen. P. Lee](#) (D-11)

HJR22-1018

Designate Colonel Stan Cass Memorial Highway

Concerning designating the portion of Colorado State Highway 14 from Mile Marker 153 to Mile Marker 154 in Weld County as the "Colonel Stan Cass Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 04/29/2022 | Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Van Beber](#) (R-48) | [Sen. J. Sonnenberg](#) (R-1)

HJR22-1019

Designate Pvt. Joe P. Martinez Memorial Highway

Concerning the designation of a portion of Colorado State Highway 85 as the "Pvt. Joe P. Martinez Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 05/2/2022 | Senate Third Reading Passed - No Amendments

SPONSORS: [Rep. T. Van Beber](#) (R-48) | [Rep. R. Holtorf](#) (R-64) | [Sen. J. Sonnenberg](#) (R-1) | [Sen. J. Cooke](#) (R-13)

HJR22-1023

Military Day Appreciation

Concerning appreciation for all United States military service members, regardless of race, gender, faith, or ethnicity.

LAST ACTION: **04/11/2022 | Introduced in House - Assigned to State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs**

SPONSORS: [Rep. R. Holtorf](#) | [Rep. A. Pico](#)

~~SCR22-002~~

~~**Homestead Property Tax Exemption Expansion**~~

~~Submitting to the registered electors of the state of Colorado an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the expansion of the existing property tax exemption for certain owner-occupied primary residences, and, in connection therewith, increasing the exempt amount of actual value of the owner-occupied primary residence of a qualifying senior or veteran with a disability and allowing a senior who qualifies for the exemption to move and still claim the exemption without meeting the ten-year ownership and occupancy requirement, so long as the senior has continuously owned residential real property since qualifying for the exemption.~~

~~LAST ACTION: **04/26/2022 | Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Postpone Indefinitely**~~

~~SPONSORS: [Sen. L. Liston \(R-10\)](#) | [Sen. J. Ginal \(D-14\)](#)~~

SJR22-004

Support For Ukraine Against Russian Aggression

Concerning support for Ukraine against Russian aggression.

LAST ACTION: 03/1/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. B. Gardner \(R-12\)](#) | [Sen. C. Hansen \(D-31\)](#) | [Rep. D. Ortiz \(D-38\)](#) | [Rep. P. Neville \(R-45\)](#)

SJR22-005

Aerospace Day

Concerning the designation of March 8, 2022, as "Colorado Aerospace Day".

LAST ACTION: 03/9/2022 | Signed by the Speaker of the House

SPONSORS: [Sen. B. Gardner](#) (R-12) | [Sen. J. Bridges](#) (D-26) | [Rep. K. Ransom](#) (R-44) | [Rep. D. Valdez](#) (D-62)

SJR22-010

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Concerning the availability of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy as a treatment option for residents of the state of Colorado experiencing Traumatic Brain Injury or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

LAST ACTION: 04/29/2022 | House Third Reading Laid Over Daily - No Amendments

NEXT Action: House Floor Work – Monday, May 9 – 10 AM/ House Chamber

SPONSORS: [Sen. J. Cooke](#) (R-13) | [Sen. N. Hinrichsen](#) (D-3) | [Rep. D. Ortiz](#) (D-38) | [Rep. T. Geitner](#) (R-19)

SJR22-012

Rename Section of Route 115

Concerning designating Colorado State Highway 115 from Mile Marker 15 to Mile Marker 27 as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Warriors Memorial Highway".

LAST ACTION: 04/27/2022 | House Third Reading Laid Over to 05/03/2022 - No Amendments

SPONSORS: [Sen. D. Hisey](#) (R-2) | [Sen. N. Hinrichsen](#) (3-D) | [Rep. S. Luck](#) (R-47)
