

# VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Military-Related Legislation during the 2009 Virginia General Assembly

Bill No.	Patron	Description
*HB 1732	M. Cox	<b>Department of Veterans Services; processing of disability claims.</b> Provides that the Department shall work in concert with applicable state and federal agencies to develop and deploy an automated system for the electronic preparation of veterans' disability claims. The Commissioner shall ensure that the system is efficient and statutorily compliant.
*HB1727	M. Cole	<b>Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.</b> Establishes a compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. The compact is currently in effect as at least 10 states have enacted the compact into law.
*SJ275/ HJ648	L. Puller, W. Reynolds and J. O'Bannon	<b>Constitutional amendment (first resolution); property tax exemption for certain veterans.</b> Directs the General Assembly to exempt from taxation real property that is the principal residence of a veteran (or widow or widower of a veteran) if the veteran has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability.
*SB1512	J. Edwards	<b>Department of Veterans Services; burial vaults at state-operated veterans cemeteries.</b> Requires the Department of Veterans Services to provide burial vaults at no costs to eligible veterans and family members interred at state-operated veterans cemeteries from such funds as may be appropriated or otherwise received for that purpose.

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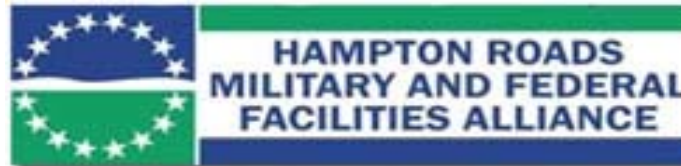
Bill No.	Patron	Description
HB2128	M. Cox	<b>Virginia Retirement System; members disabled or killed while in the military.</b> Modifies several provisions governing the benefits of members who are disabled or killed, to comport with the federal Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act ("HEART Act") for those members disabled or killed in action in the military.
*HB2414/ HB2512	J. Bouchard and D. Marsden	<b>Individual income tax; subtraction for Virginia Military Family Relief Fund.</b> Provides a subtraction when calculating Virginia taxable income for individuals who receive benefits under the Virginia Military Family Relief Fund.
HB2439	D. Poisson	<b>Income tax; honorably discharged veteran job creation tax credit.</b> Provides an income tax credit to businesses for jobs created and filled by honorably discharged veterans. The amount of the credit for each such job is (i) two percent of each salary that is less than \$50,000 a year, and (ii) \$1,000 for each salary of \$50,000 and more a year. The credit is available for taxable years beginning January 1, 2009, but before January 1, 2014.
HB2556	R. Ingram	<b>Special license plates; disabled veterans.</b> Amends the definition of "disabled veteran" in § 46.2-100 to allow any veteran who has a service-connected disability that would qualify him for receiving disabled parking license plates to receive disabled veteran license plates.
HB1767	J. Johnson, Jr.	<b>Homestead exemption; veterans.</b> Increases the additional homestead exemption for veterans from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

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HB2534	R. Dance	<b>Certain honorary diplomas.</b> Requires that the Board of Education award an honorary high school diploma to veterans of the Vietnam War who, as secondary school students, enlisted or were drafted to serve in any branch of the United States Armed Forces during the war between 1959 and 1975, were subsequently honorably discharged, and were unable to complete their secondary education upon return to civilian life.
HB2385	A. Ebbin	<b>Public employment; nondiscrimination.</b> Prohibits discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, <u>or status as a special disabled veteran or other veteran covered by the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended.</u>
HB1873	J. Cosgrove	<b>Motorcycle classifications.</b> Provides for issuance by DMV of motorcycle classifications by mail to holders of Virginia driver's licenses if they are U.S. Armed Services members stationed outside Virginia, their spouses, or their dependents, if they can show proof of successful completion of a basic motorcycle rider course approved by the U.S. Armed Services and of their assignment outside Virginia.

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