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Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

**STATUS OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS OF
INTEREST TO VETERANS
1st Regular Session, 98th General Assembly**

STATUS as of: 2/28/15

**NOTE: The listing of bills below reflects those bills that
have been filed and does not necessarily indicate MAVO
endorsement of that legislation**

PENDING LEGISLATION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118 Republicans – 45 Democrats

Bills Filed: HB 1-1082; HCR 1-37; HJR 1-43

HB 8 --- Sponsor: **Flanigan, Tom (163)** Co-sponsors: None

Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety

Status: 01/29/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 02/02/2015 - Read Second Time (H); **Referred: Appropriations - Public Safety and Corrections (H)**; 02/12/2015 - Reported Do Pass with Amendments (H) - HCAs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 AYES: 8 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0; **Referred: Select Committee on Budget (H)**

HB 179 --- Sponsor: **Chipman, Jason (120)** Co-sponsors: 12

Allows a retired military member to provide a Veterans' Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in order to receive a veteran designation on his or her driver's licenses

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/08/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/20/2015 - **Referred: Transportation (H)**; 02/03/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); 02/10/2015 - Reported Do Pass by Consent (H); **Referred: Select Committee on Rules (H)**; 02/12/2015 - Rules - Reported Do Pass - Consent (H); 02/26/2015 - Perfected by Consent - Pursuant to House Rules (H)

HB 229 --- **Sponsor: McCaherty, John (097)** Co-sponsors: None

Allows a person who has been awarded a Korea Defense Service Medal to obtain a special license plate

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/15/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/20/2015 - **Referred: Transportation (H)**; 02/03/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); **Hearing Scheduled: Date: 3/3/2015 Time: 12:30PM**
Location: House Hearing Room 7

HB 239 --- **Sponsor: Davis, Charlie (162)** Co-sponsors: None

Authorizes charities to utilize sweepstakes terminal devices on their premises

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/16/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 02/18/2015 - **Referred: Veterans (H)**

HB 241 --- **Sponsor: Davis, Charlie (162)** Co-sponsors: None

Adds vehicles owned and operated by the Civil Support Team of the Missouri National Guard when used during operations involving hazardous materials to the definition of "emergency vehicle"

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/16/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Veterans (H)**; **02/03/2015** - Public Hearing Completed (H); Reported Do Pass (H); **Referred: Select Committee on Social Services (H)**; 02/05/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H); 02/10/2015 - Perfected (H); 02/12/2015 - Third Read and **Passed (H) - AYES: 155**; Reported to the Senate and First Read (S); 02/25/2015 - Second read and **Referred: Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety (S)**

HB 246 --- **Sponsor: Meredith, Sue (071)** Co-sponsors: None

Requires a military member to be treated as a nonresident for income tax purposes for each day that member is stationed outside Missouri

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/17/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

HB 250 --- **Sponsor: Davis, Charlie (162)** Co-sponsors: None

Allows military and overseas voters to vote in all elections involving federal office, statewide office, statewide legislative office, or statewide initiatives

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/17/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/20/2015 - **Referred: Elections (H)**; 02/03/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H)

HB 338 --- **Sponsor: McGaugh, Joe Don (39)** Co-sponsors: None

Designates a portion of Highway 10 in Ray and Carroll counties as the "Ray-Carroll County Veterans Memorial Highway"

Status: Pre-filed (H); 12/31/2014; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Transportation (H); Hearing Scheduled:**
Date: 3/3/2015 **Time:** 12:30PM **Location:** House Hearing Room 7

HB 360 --- **Sponsor:** **Entlicher, Sue (128)** Co-sponsors: None

Extends the voter registration deadline for certain military and overseas voters

Status: Pre-filed (H); 01/05/2015; 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Elections (H)**

HB 403 --- **Sponsor:** **Phillips, Don (138)** Co-sponsors: 8

Designates Missouri as a Purple Heart State

Status: 01/08/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/12/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/29/2015 - **Referred: Trade and Tourism (H)**; 02/11/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); 02/19/2015 - Reported Do Pass by Consent (H) - AYES: 11 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0; **Referred: Select Committee on Rules (H)**; 02/26/2015 - Rules - Reported Do Pass - Consent (H)

HB 615 --- **Sponsor:** **Dohrman, Dean (51)** Co-sponsors: 1

Specifies that unpaid volunteers of a tax-exempt veteran's organization are not subject to the Workers' Compensation Law

Status: 01/21/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/22/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Employment Security (H)**; 02/04/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); 02/05/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H); **Referred: Select Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations (H)**; 02/09/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H); 02/17/2015 - Perfected (H); 02/18/2015 - **Referred: Fiscal Review (H)**; 02/19/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 7 NOES: 3 PRESENT: 0; **Third Read and Passed (H)**; Reported to the Senate and First Read (S); 02/25/2015 - Second read and **Referred: Senate Small Business, Insurance, and Industry(S)**

HB 630 --- **Sponsor:** **Leara, Mike (96)** Co-sponsors: None

Modifies provisions relating to military leave provisions of the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City

Status: 01/22/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/26/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 02/11/2015 - **Referred: Pensions (H); Hearing Scheduled: Date:** 3/3/2015 **Time:** 8:30AM **Location:** House Hearing Room 4

HB 805 --- **Sponsor:** **Cornejo, Robert (64)** Co-sponsors: None

Changes the laws regarding state employment preference ratings for veterans

Status: 02/03/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 02/04/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

HB 810 --- Sponsor: **Miller, Rocky (124)** Co-sponsors: None

Names a portion of Highway 54 as the "Veterans Memorial Expressway"

Status: 02/03/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 02/04/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 02/12/2015 - **Referred: Transportation (H); Hearing Scheduled: Date:** 3/3/2015 **Time:** 12:30PM **Location:** House Hearing Room 7

HB 1004 --- Sponsor: **Davis, Charlie (162)** Co-sponsors: None

Removes additional fee equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates for subsequent sets of special Purple Heart license plates

Status: 02/19/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 02/23/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

HB 1070 --- Sponsor: **Davis, Charlie (162)** Co-sponsors: None

Creates the office of military advocate to advocate for military services and military bases in Missouri

Status: 02/26/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H)

HCR 6 --- Sponsor: **Roden, Shane (111)** Co-sponsors: None

Urges Congress to support importation of Canadian oil sands and ask for the approval of the TransCanada Keystone Coast Expansion pipeline

Status: 01/07/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

HCR 13 --- Sponsor: **Smith, Clem (85)** Co-sponsors: None

Strongly urges the United States Army to explain chemical testing which occurred in St. Louis in the 1950s and 1960s and requests the federal government to conduct a study on the health effects of such testing

Status: 01/12/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/13/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

HCR 15 --- Sponsor: **Roden, Shane (111)** Co-sponsors: None

Calls upon President Obama to support the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline and the permitting for oil production off the northern coast of Alaska

Status: 01/12/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/13/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Energy and the Environment (H)**; 02/03/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); Reported Do Pass (H); **Referred: Select Committee on Utilities (H)**; 02/05/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H); 02/17/2015 - **Third Read and Passed (H) - AYES: 125 NOES: 25 PRESENT: 0**; Reported to The Senate (S); 02/18/2015 - **Referred: Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics (S)**

HCR 17 --- Sponsor: **Kelley, Mike (127)** Co-sponsors: None

Recognizes February 10, 1954, as the anniversary of the addition of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance

Status: 01/13/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/14/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Emerging Issues (H)**; 02/09/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); 02/19/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 10 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0; **Referred: Select Committee on General Laws (H)**;

HCR 20 --- **Sponsor:** [Lynch, Steve \(122\)](#) Co-sponsors: None

Strongly urges the United States Department of Defense to protect, promote, and leverage Missouri's military bases and agencies

Status: 01/15/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/20/2015 - Read Second Time (H); **01/27/2015 - Referred: Veterans (H)**; Public Hearing Completed (H); Reported Do Pass (H); **Referred: Select Committee on Social Services (H)**; 02/05/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H); 02/10/2015 - Third Read and **Passed (H) - AYES: 154 NOES: 1**; Reported to The Senate (S); 02/11/2015 - **Referred: Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions, and Ethics (S)**; 02/19/2015 - Public Hearing Held (S); Reported Do Pass (S)

HCR 26 --- **Sponsor:** [Schull, Noel J. \(16\)](#) Co-sponsors: None

Designates the month of March for the years 2015 thru 2025 as Women Veterans' Month

Status: 01/22/2015 – Introduced and Read First Time (H); 01/26/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 02/10/2015 - **Referred: Trade and Tourism (H)**; 02/18/2015 - Public Hearing Completed (H); 02/26/2015 - Reported Do Pass (H) - AYES: 11 NOES: 0 PRESENT: 0; **Referred: Select Committee on Commerce (H)**

HJR 7 --- **Sponsor:** [Engler, Kevin \(116\)](#) Co-sponsors: None

Proposes a constitutional amendment that would require any person participating in the management of any bingo game conducted by a service organization to be a member of the organization for 6 months

Status: Pre-filed: 12/03/2014 (H); 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 01/27/2015 - **Referred: Emerging Issues (H)**; 02/25/2015 - Public Hearing Scheduled, Bill not Heard (H)

HJR 9 --- **Sponsor:** [Burlison, Eric \(133\)](#) Co-sponsors: None

Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing an exemption from property tax for certain property of active-duty military personnel stationed outside the country

Status: Pre-filed: 12/03/2014 (H); 01/07/2015 - Read First Time (H); 01/08/2015 - Read Second Time (H); 02/04/2015 - **Referred: Ways and Means(H)**

HJR 37 --- **Sponsor:** [Carpenter, Jon \(15\)](#) Co-sponsors: None

Proposes a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation real and personal property owned by a veteran with a total service-connected disability

Status: 02/03/2015 - Read First Time (H); 02/04/2015 - Read Second Time (H)

SENATE

25 Republicans - 9 Democrats

Bills Filed: SB 1-568; SCR 1-30; SJR 1-15

SCS SB 34 & 105 --- Sponsor: [Wallingford, Wayne \(27\)](#)

Extends voter registration deadline for certain military and overseas voters

Status: Pre-filed: 12/01/2013 (S); 01/07/2015 – First Read (S); 01/15/2015 - Second Read and [Referred S Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee](#); 01/26/2015 - Hearing Conducted S; 02/23/2015 - SCS Voted Do Pass (w/SCS SBs 34 & 105) S

SB 105 --- Sponsor: [Kraus, Will \(8\)](#) (**See SCS SB 34 & 105**)

Allows military and overseas voters to vote in all elections involving federal office, statewide office, statewide legislative office, or statewide initiatives

Status: Pre-filed: 12/02/2013 (S); 01/17/2015 – First Read (S); 01/22/2015 - Second Read and [Referred S Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee](#); 01/26/2015 - Hearing Conducted S; 2/23/2015 - Bill Combined (w/SCS SBs 34 & 105)

SB 124 --- Sponsor: [Schupp, Jill \(24\)](#)

Requires tax-exempt organizations to disclose date, amount, and name of persons or entities making donations to such organizations

Status: Pre-filed: 12/03/2013 (S); 01/07/2015 - First Read (S); 01/22/2015 - Second Read and [Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee](#)

SB 287 --- Sponsor: [Silvey, Ryan \(17\)](#)

Allows veterans and their spouses and dependent children, as well as spouses and dependent children of deceased veterans, to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits
NOTE: MAVO supports health care coverage for low income veterans and their spouses- MAVO does not support expansion of Medicaid as a solution

Status: 01/21/2015 - First Read (S)

SB 446 --- Sponsor: [Schupp, Jill \(24\)](#) Co-sponsor: Brown (16)

Removes additional fee equal to the fee charged for personalized license plates for subsequent sets of special Purple Heart license plates

Status: 02/17/2015 - First Read (S); 2/26/2015 - Second Read and [Referred S Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](#)

SB 474 --- Sponsor: [Wallingford, Wayne \(27\)](#)

Expands the Heroes Way Interchange Designation Program

Status: 02/19/2015 - First Read (S);

SCR 7 --- Sponsor: **Brown, Dan (16)**

Urges the Department of Defense and the Congressional Delegation to protect, preserve, and promote state military bases and agencies

Status: 01/14/2015 - Offered (S); 01/20/2015 - **Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee**; 01/27/2015 – Hearing Conducted S; 01/28/2015 - Reported from S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee to Floor; 02/02/2015 - **S ADOPTED** ; H First Read; 2/3/2015 - H Second Read; 2/11/2015 - **Referred H Veterans Committee**; 02/24/2015 - Hearing Conducted H Veterans Committee; Reported Do Pass H Veterans Committee; **Referred H Select Committee on Social Services**

SCS SCR 8 --- Sponsor: **Parson, Michael (28)**

Creates a state buildings project list to be funded by revenue bonds issued by the State Board of Public Buildings (Includes \$14.5M for Veterans Homes)

Status: 01/20/2015 - Offered (S); 01/21/2015 - **Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee**; 01/22/2015 – Hearing Conducted S; 01/27/2015 - SCS Voted Do Pass S; 01/28/2015 - Reported from S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee to Floor with SCS; 01/29/2015 - SCS S adopted; **S Third Read and Passed**; 02/02/2015 - H First Read; 2/3/2015 - H Second Read; 02/12/2015 - **Referred H Select Committee on Budget Committee**

SCR 15 --- Sponsor: **Riddle, Jeanie (10)**

Designates March as women veterans' month

Status: 02/04/2015 – First Read (S); 02/09/2015 – Second Read and **Referred S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee**; 02/24/2015 - Hearing Conducted S

HEARINGS

HOUSE

Committee: Pensions

Chair: Walker, Nate - (Rep-3)

Vice Chair: White, Bill-(Rep-161)

Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: House Hearing Room 4

Note: Amended

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Public Hearings will be conducted for the following bills:

HB 630 -- KANSAS CITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sponsor: Leara, Mike (Rep-096)

Changes the laws regarding credit for military service for members of the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City

Committee: [Select Committee on Budget](#)

Chair: [Flanigan, Tom - \(Rep-163\)](#)

Vice Chair: [Fitzpatrick, Scott-\(Rep-158\)](#)

Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015

Time: 8:15 AM

Location: House Hearing Room 3

Note:

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

Executive Session will be held on the following bills:

HB 8 -- APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Sponsor: [Flanigan, Tom \(Rep-163\)](#)

Appropriates money for the expenses, grants, refunds, and distributions of the Department of Public Safety

Committee: [Transportation](#)

Chair: [Kolkmeier, Glen - \(Rep-53\)](#)

Vice Chair: [Korman, Bart-\(Rep-42\)](#)

Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: House Hearing Room 7

Note:

Executive session may be held on any matter referred to the committee.

HB 338 -- MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

Sponsor: [McGaugh, Joe Don \(Rep-039\)](#)

Designates a portion of Highway 10 in Ray and Carroll counties as the "Ray-Carroll County Veterans Memorial Highway".

HB 810 -- MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATION

Sponsor: [Miller, Rocky \(Rep-124\)](#)

Names a portion of Highway 54 as the "Veterans Memorial Expressway"

Executive Session will be held on the following bills:

HB 229 -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

Sponsor: [McCaherty, John \(Rep-097\)](#)

Allows a person who has been awarded a Korea Defense Service Medal to obtain a special license plate

SENATE

NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR 2015

12/01/2014

Pre Filing of Bills

01/07/2015 General Assembly Convenes at 12:00 noon

01/21/2015 State of the State Address

01/26-27/2015 MAVO/MVC Veterans Day at the Capitol

02/26/2015 Last day to introduce Senate bills

03/12/2015 Last day to report Senate Consent Bills from committees

03/19/2015 Spring Break begins upon adjournment

03/30/2015 Spring Break ends – House & Senate convenes at 4:00 p.m.

04/06/2015 Easter Monday - NO SESSION
House & Senate convenes April 7nd

04/15/2015 Last day to report House Consent Bills from Committees

05/08/2015 Appropriation Bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed

05/15/2015 SESSION ENDS at 6:00 p.m.