



Neutral Testimony SB 80

Kansas Council of Chapters offers the following suggestion to improve this bill. The bill uses the term “disabled veteran” without further elaboration.

Suggest the committee consider the terms used in Title 38 Part 3 of the Code of Federal Regulations (38 CFR Part 3). Relevant portions are quoted here:

Veteran means a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. [38 CFR 3.1(d)]

Service-connected means, with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty in the active military, naval, air, or space service. [38 CFR 3.1(d)]

Incorporation of 38 CFR Part 3 language will conform Kansas statutes to the definitions used by the federal government to administer veterans benefits.

The term “service-connected veteran” would include disability cases arising from service and exclude those arising from misconduct or arising after a period of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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