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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2830

As Recommended by House Committee on
Veterans and Military

Brief*

HB 2830 would limit the type of documents an agency may require for purposes of determining a veteran's eligibility for benefits derived from a service-connected disability.

Definitions

The bill would define the following terms:

- "Service-connected disability" would mean a disability, or death if such death resulted from the disability, incurred or aggravated in the line of active duty; and
- "Veteran" would mean a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Enumerated Documentation

The bill would allow state agencies and municipalities to request the following documents from a Kansas veteran in order to determine the veteran's eligibility for benefits derived from a service-connected disability:

- A United States passport;

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

- An unexpired Real ID state driver's license;
- A Veteran Health Identification Card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
- A Veteran Identification Card issued by the VA;
- A Common Access Card issued by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD); or
- Any authorized DoD identity card.

The bill would prohibit state agencies and municipalities from requesting or demanding a veteran provide any document not enumerated in the bill for purposes of determining such veteran's eligibility for benefits. Similarly, agencies and municipalities would also be prohibited from improvising an authentication procedure to determine a Kansas veteran's eligibility for benefits derived from a service-connected disability.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation at the request of Representative Ellis.

[*Note:* The bill is identical to the provisions of HB 2625, which was stricken from the House Calendar by Rule 1507 on February 23, 2024.]

House Committee on Veterans and Military

In the House Committee hearing on March 14, 2024, Representative Thompson and a representative of the Military Officers Association of America provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents generally stated the bill would codify the proper documents required to establish a veteran's identity and reduce the administrative burden to service-connected disabled veterans and their family members.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office and Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services state that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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