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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF DISCHARGED LGBT VETERANS FOR**
102 **SPECIFIED STATE BENEFITS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

A person may have been discharged other than honorably from the United States military due to the person's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; statements, consensual sexual conduct, or consensual acts relating to sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; or the disclosure of statements, conduct, or acts that were prohibited by the armed services at the time of discharge. Because of the

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person's discharge status as other than honorable, the person does not qualify for certain Colorado state programs or benefits.

The bill establishes a "discharged LGBT veteran" status for the purposes of Colorado law. A person discharged for the reasons described above is eligible to be a discharged LGBT veteran. A person who received a dishonorable discharge from the United States military is not eligible to qualify as a discharged LGBT veteran.

Pursuant to a process established by the division of veterans affairs, the board of veterans affairs determines whether a person qualifies as a discharged LGBT veteran. This determination does not change the veteran's official character of discharge on the veteran's discharge paperwork, nor does it affect a person's eligibility for federal veterans programs or benefits.

The bill amends various existing state programs and benefits to make a discharged LGBT veteran eligible for those programs and benefits.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the
3 "Restoration of Honor Act".

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 28-5-103 as
5 follows:

6 **28-5-103. Discharged LGBT veteran.** (1) (a) A PERSON IS A
7 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN IF THE PERSON, AS DETERMINED BY THE
8 BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, WAS DISCHARGED OTHER THAN
9 HONORABLY FROM THE ARMED SERVICES DUE TO THE PERSON'S SEXUAL
10 ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION; OR STATEMENTS,
11 CONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, OR CONSENSUAL ACTS RELATING TO
12 SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION; OR THE
13 DISCLOSURE OF STATEMENTS, CONDUCT, OR ACTS RELATING TO SEXUAL
14 ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION THAT WERE
15 PROHIBITED BY THE ARMED SERVICES AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE.

16 (b) A PERSON WHO WAS DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE

1 ARMED SERVICES IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN.

2 (2) UPON APPLICATION, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO THIS
4 SECTION, THE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER
5 A PERSON IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN.

6 (3) (a) THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL ESTABLISH A
7 CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON
8 IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, INCLUDING, AT A MINIMUM,
9 STANDARDS FOR VERIFYING THE PERSON'S STATUS AS A DISCHARGED
10 LGBT VETERAN.

11 (b) (I) THE PROCESS MUST REQUIRE A PERSON APPLYING FOR
12 CLASSIFICATION AS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN TO SUBMIT A COPY OF
13 THE PERSON'S DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,
14 A PERSONAL AFFIDAVIT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE
15 DISCHARGE, AND ANY RELEVANT RECORDS PERTAINING TO THE
16 DISCHARGE.

17 (II) A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED
18 IN SUBSECTION (3)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY
19 DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING CLASSIFIED AS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN.
20 IF THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE THE DOCUMENTS, THE PERSON MUST
21 SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE THE
22 DOCUMENTS.

23 (c) THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL ESTABLISH A
24 METHOD FOR A PERSON DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
25 TO BE A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN TO DEMONSTRATE STATUS AS A
26 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 28-5-100.3**

1 as follows:

2 **28-5-100.3. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 5, unless
3 the context otherwise requires:

4 (1) "DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO THE
5 STATE BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DETERMINES TO BE A DISCHARGED
6 LGBT VETERAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-5-103.

7 (†) (2) "Veteran" means a person who served in the active
8 military, naval, or air service of the United States and who was
9 discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, in
10 accordance with U.S.C. title 38, as amended.

11 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-703, **add** (5) as
12 follows:

13 **28-5-703. Rules - duties.** (5) THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE
14 WHETHER A PERSON IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN PURSUANT TO
15 SECTION 28-5-103.

16 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-705, **add** (1)(i)
17 as follows:

18 **28-5-705. Duties.** (1) The division, in accordance with its rules,
19 shall perform the following duties and functions:

20 (i) ESTABLISH A CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM PROCESS TO
21 DETERMINE WHETHER A VETERAN QUALIFIES AS A DISCHARGED LGBT
22 VETERAN, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-5-103.

23 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-32-132, **amend**
24 (1) introductory portion, (2)(a), and (2)(b) as follows:

25 **22-32-132. Diplomas - veterans.** (1) Upon the request of an
26 honorably discharged veteran OR A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, AS
27 DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3, a board of education of a school district

1 may award a diploma to the ~~honorably discharged~~ veteran if ~~he or she~~ THE
2 VETERAN:

3 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (1) of this section
4 to the contrary, a board of education of a school district may award a
5 diploma:

6 (a) Posthumously to an honorably discharged veteran OR
7 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, upon the request of an immediate family
8 member or legal guardian of the ~~honorably discharged~~ veteran; or

9 (b) Even though an honorably discharged veteran OR DISCHARGED
10 LGBT VETERAN has already successfully completed a high school
11 equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5).

12 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-3.3-901, **amend**
13 (4)(d) as follows:

14 **23-3.3-901. Teach Colorado grant initiative created - award**
15 **of grants - legislative declaration.** (4) In awarding grants through the
16 teach Colorado grant initiative, the department shall give special
17 consideration to scholarships that:

18 (d) Are designed to assist honorably discharged veterans AND
19 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERANS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3, of the
20 armed forces in entering the teaching profession; or

21 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7.4-203, **amend**
22 (1) as follows:

23 **23-7.4-203. Tuition classification of armed forces veterans.**

24 (1) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this article 7.4 or article 7 of
25 this title 23 to the contrary, beginning with the fall semester of the
26 2009-2010 academic year, the governing board of each state institution
27 of higher education in Colorado shall adopt a policy that grants in-state

1 tuition status to an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of
2 the United States AND A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, AS DEFINED IN
3 SECTION 28-5-100.3, who enrolls in the state institution of higher
4 education and who meets, for any length of time, the presumptions and
5 rules for maintaining a domicile in Colorado described in section
6 23-7-103.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this article 7.4 or article 7
8 of this title 23 to the contrary, beginning with the fall semester of the
9 2009-2010 academic year, the governing board of each state institution
10 of higher education in Colorado may adopt a policy that grants in-state
11 tuition status to a dependent of an honorably discharged member of the
12 armed forces of the United States OR A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, AS
13 DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3, who enrolls in the state institution of
14 higher education if the honorably discharged member of the armed forces
15 OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN meets, for any length of time, the
16 presumptions and rules for maintaining a domicile in Colorado described
17 in section 23-7-103.

18 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-12-205, **amend**
19 (3)(b) as follows:

20 **26-12-205. Homelake military veterans cemetery - definitions**
21 **- fund - rules.** (3) (b) Burial and interment may be provided at the
22 cemetery for any spouse, surviving spouse, or dependent parent of an
23 honorably discharged veteran OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, AS
24 DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3, of any branch of the armed forces of the
25 United States.

26 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-502, **amend**
27 (1) introductory portion as follows:

1 **28-5-502. Interment of deceased veterans.** (1) It is the duty of
2 the county commissioners in each county of this state to designate some
3 proper person in each county whose duty it is to cause the decent
4 interment of the bodies of honorably discharged military personnel AND
5 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERANS:

6 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 28-5-505 as
7 follows:

8 **28-5-505. Cemetery subdivision - state may acquire and**
9 **maintain.** The state has authority to acquire, establish, maintain, and
10 improve in any cemetery in the state a suitable subdivision to be used as
11 a burial place for honorably discharged veterans AND DISCHARGED LGBT
12 VETERANS. Such subdivision ~~shall~~ MUST consist of lots, each of sufficient
13 area to accommodate at least eight interments of deceased veterans. No
14 charge shall be made for burial space in such subdivision.

15 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-802, **amend**
16 (1) as follows:

17 **28-5-802. Qualifications - term of office.** (1) The county
18 veterans service officer or assistant at the time of appointment ~~shall~~ MUST
19 be a resident of the state, ~~shall~~ have served in the United States Army, Air
20 Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or any auxiliary branch
21 thereof and ~~shall~~ have been honorably discharged therefrom OR BE A
22 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, or ~~shall~~ be an officer released from active
23 duty with the armed forces and placed on inactive duty therein. Before
24 such appointments ~~shall be~~ ARE made, the board of county commissioners
25 making ~~such~~ THE appointments ~~shall have sought~~ MUST SEEK the advice
26 and counsel of the chief officer of each post of the regularly established
27 and existing veterans organizations of the county wherein ~~such~~ THE

1 officer or assistant is to serve as to the qualifications and experience of
2 the applicant for ~~such~~ THE position. ~~Such~~ THE appointee ~~shall~~ MUST be
3 well-qualified based on ~~his or her~~ THE APPOINTEE'S education and
4 experience to perform the duties of county veterans service officer. The
5 division shall recommend education and experience qualifications for the
6 position of county veterans service officer.

7 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 31-30-210
8 as follows:

9 **31-30-210. Qualifications - notice of examination.** Applicants
10 for appointment ~~shall~~ MUST be citizens of the United States and reside in
11 the city and county of such municipality for one year next preceding the
12 date of their application. All examinations ~~shall~~ MUST be impartial and
13 only relate to the fitness of such persons examined for the service they
14 wish to enter. ~~No question shall~~ QUESTIONS MUST NOT relate to political
15 or religious affiliation, and ~~no appointment shall~~ AN APPOINTMENT MUST
16 NOT be affected in any manner by ~~such~~ political or religious affiliation.
17 Notice of time, place, and scope of such examination ~~shall~~ MUST be given
18 in ~~said~~ THE notice published in said paper. ~~No person shall be certified to~~
19 ~~appointment~~ A PERSON whose standing ~~shall be~~ IS less than sixty-five
20 percent of complete proficiency MAY NOT BE CERTIFIED TO APPOINTMENT.
21 Preference ~~shall~~ MUST be given to persons honorably discharged from the
22 naval or military service of the United States AND TO DISCHARGED LGBT
23 VETERANS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3, and whose qualifications
24 are otherwise equal.

25 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-31-410, **amend**
26 (2)(b) as follows:

27 **31-31-410. Purchased or rolled-over service credit.** (2) A

1 member may purchase up to five years of service credit for periods of
2 active duty in the uniformed services of the United States, subject to all
3 of the following conditions:

4 (b) The member provides documentation of the dates of service
5 in the uniformed services of the United States and that the member was
6 honorably discharged from such service OR IS A DISCHARGED LGBT
7 VETERAN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 28-5-100.3;

8 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-6-107, **amend**
9 (8)(c) as follows:

10 **33-6-107. Licensing violations - penalties - rule.** (8) (c) The
11 commission shall promulgate a rule allowing veterans, including
12 active-duty, reserve-duty, or national guard personnel, to obtain a hunter
13 education certificate without attending a hunter education course if the
14 veteran successfully passes a test-out option as developed by the
15 commission. To qualify, a veteran must be discharged under honorable
16 conditions OR BE A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
17 28-5-100.3.

18 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102, **add**
19 (24.3) as follows:

20 **42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title 42,
21 unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (24.3) "DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING
23 AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 28-5-100.3.

24 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**
25 (1)(a)(VII), (1)(a)(XI), (1)(a)(XII), (1)(a)(XV), (1)(a)(XVI), (1)(a)(XVII),
26 (1)(a)(XXV), (1)(a)(XXVIII), (1)(a)(XXIX), (1)(a)(XXX), (6)(b)(III),
27 (8)(b), (12), (13)(b), (16)(b), (16)(c), (17)(b), (18)(b) introductory portion,

1 (18)(b)(I), (26)(b), (29)(b), (30)(b), and (31)(b); and **add** (1)(a.5) as
2 follows:

3 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**
4 **retirement.** (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of license
5 plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed
6 sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or
7 a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

8 (VII) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN,
9 OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the United States Marine
10 Corps;

11 (XI) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN,
12 OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the United States Army;

13 (XII) ~~Effective July 1, 2006,~~ An honorably discharged OR
14 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of
15 the United States Navy;

16 (XV) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN,
17 OR A retired, reserve, auxiliary, or active member of the United States
18 Coast Guard;

19 (XVI) A serving member or honorably discharged OR
20 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN or retired member of any component of the
21 United States Air Force;

22 (XVII) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT
23 VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the special forces of
24 the United States armed forces;

25 (XXV) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT
26 VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the Navy SEALs;

27 (XXVIII) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT

1 VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the 10th mountain
2 division of the United States Army;

3 (XXIX) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT
4 VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of a submarine crew of
5 the United States Navy; or

6 (XXX) An honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN
7 or retired woman veteran of the United States armed forces.

8 (a.5) BEFORE ISSUING A LICENSE PLATE TO A DISCHARGED LGBT
9 VETERAN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE
10 THE APPLICANT TO DEMONSTRATE STATUS AS A DISCHARGED LGBT
11 VETERAN IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DIVISION OF VETERANS
12 AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-5-103 (3)(c).

13 (6) **Survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor.** (b) Any natural
14 person may use a survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor special license
15 plate if such person:

16 (III) Received an honorable discharge from the United States
17 armed forces OR IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN; and

18 (8) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT, or retired**
19 **veteran, or active member of the U.S. Marine Corps.** (b) A natural
20 person who has received an honorable discharge OR IS A DISCHARGED
21 LGBT VETERAN, is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the
22 United States Marine Corps may use a United States Marine Corps
23 special license plate. When applying for such a license plate, an applicant
24 shall submit proof of an honorable discharge OR STATUS AS AN LGBT
25 VETERAN or proof that the applicant is currently an active or reserve
26 member of the United States Marine Corps.

27 (12) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT, or retired**

1 **veteran, reserve, or active member of the United States Army.**

2 (a) The United States Army special license plate shall be designed to
3 indicate that the owner of the motor vehicle to which such license plate
4 is attached is an honorably discharged OR DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN,
5 OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the United States Army.

6 (b) A natural person may use a United States Army special license
7 plate if such person is an honorably discharged or DISCHARGED LGBT
8 VETERAN, OR A retired, reserve, or active member of the United States
9 Army.

10 (c) The department or an authorized agent shall not issue an
11 United States Army special license plate to an applicant until the
12 applicant provides a DD214 form issued by the United States government
13 or other evidence sufficient to demonstrate that the applicant is an
14 honorably discharged, DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, retired, reserve, or
15 active member of the United States Army.

16 (13) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT, or retired**
17 **veteran, or active member of the United States Navy.** (b) A natural
18 person who has received an honorable discharge, IS A DISCHARGED LGBT
19 VETERAN, is retired, or is an active or reserve member of the United
20 States Navy ~~shall be authorized to~~ MAY use a United States Navy special
21 license plate. When applying for such a license plate, an applicant shall
22 submit a DD214 form issued by the United States government or other
23 evidence sufficient to demonstrate that the applicant has an honorable
24 discharge, PROOF OF THE APPLICANT'S STATUS AS A DISCHARGED LGBT
25 VETERAN, or proof that the applicant is currently an active or reserve
26 member of the United States Navy.

27 (16) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT veteran, retired**

1 **veteran, auxiliary, or active member of the United States Coast**
2 **Guard.** (b) On or after January 1, 2008, a natural person who has
3 received an honorable discharge, IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, is
4 retired, or is an active, auxiliary, or reserve member of the United States
5 Coast Guard ~~shall be authorized to~~ MAY use a United States Coast Guard
6 special license plate.

7 (c) When applying for such a license plate, an applicant shall
8 submit a DD214 form issued by the United States government or other
9 evidence sufficient to demonstrate that the applicant has an honorable
10 discharge, PROOF OF THE APPLICANT'S STATUS AS A DISCHARGED LGBT
11 VETERAN, or proof that the applicant is currently an active, auxiliary, or
12 reserve member of the United States Coast Guard.

13 (17) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT veteran, retired**
14 **veteran, or active member of the United States Air Force.** (b) A
15 natural person who has received an honorable discharge, IS A DISCHARGED
16 LGBT VETERAN, is retired, or is an active or reserve member of any
17 component of the United States Air Force ~~shall be authorized to~~ MAY use
18 a United States Air Force special license plate.

19 (18) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT, or retired**
20 **veteran, or active member of the United States Army special forces.**
21 (b) Beginning January 1, 2008, a natural person who has received an
22 honorable discharge, IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, or is an active or
23 reserve member of the United States Army special forces may use a
24 United States Army special forces license plate. When applying for such
25 a license plate, an applicant shall submit:

26 (I) Proof of an honorable discharge or retirement, PROOF OF
27 STATUS AS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, or proof that the applicant is

1 currently an active or reserve member of the United States Army special
2 forces;

3 **(26) Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or active member**
4 **of the Navy SEALs.** (b) A natural person who has received an honorable
5 discharge, IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, is retired, or is an active or
6 reserve member of the United States Navy SEALs may use a United
7 States Navy SEALs license plate. To qualify for the license plate, an
8 applicant must submit a DD214 form issued by the United States
9 government and a certification from the UDT/SEAL association, inc., the
10 Rocky Mountain chapter of the UDT/SEAL association, inc., or a
11 successor organization that the applicant has an honorable discharge
12 from, is retired from, or is currently an active or reserve member of the
13 Navy SEALs.

14 **(29) Veteran, reserve member, or active member of the 10th**
15 **mountain division of the United States Army.** (b) A natural person
16 who meets the conditions established in ~~subparagraph (XXVIII) of~~
17 ~~paragraph (a) of subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)(XXVIII) of this
18 section may use a "10th mountain division" license plate. To qualify for
19 the license plate, an applicant must submit a DD214 form issued by the
20 United States government or other evidence sufficient to demonstrate that
21 the applicant is a veteran, A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN, a reserve
22 member, or an active member of the 10th mountain division of the United
23 States Army.

24 **(30) Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or reserve or**
25 **active member of the United States Navy submarine service.** (b) A
26 natural person who has received an honorable discharge from, IS A
27 DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN OF, is retired from, or is an active or reserve

1 member of the submarine service may use a submarine service license
2 plate.

3 (31) **Honorably discharged, discharged LGBT veteran, or**
4 **retired woman veteran of the United States armed forces.** (b) A
5 woman who has received an honorable discharge from, IS A DISCHARGED
6 LGBT VETERAN OF, or is retired from the United States armed forces ~~is~~
7 ~~authorized to~~ MAY use a United States woman veteran license plate. When
8 applying for the license plate, an applicant must submit a DD214 form
9 issued by the United States government or other evidence sufficient to
10 demonstrate that the applicant is a woman and has an honorable discharge
11 from, or is retired from, the United States armed forces. AN APPLICANT
12 WHO IS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN MUST SUBMIT A DD214 FORM AND
13 DEMONSTRATE STATUS AS A DISCHARGED LGBT VETERAN.

14 **SECTION 18. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect November 11, 2021; except that, if a referendum petition is
16 filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against
17 this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
18 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
19 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
20 general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take
21 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
22 governor.