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SENATE BILL NO. 16—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 15, 2018

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Gift Account for Veterans. (BDR 37-196)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to veterans; authorizing the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to apply for certain federal grants and other sources of money; authorizing the Director to accept certain money received from various sources; requiring the Director to deposit any money received from federal grants or certain other sources of money with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for Veterans and to use such money only for specified purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Under existing law, special fees collected from the issuance and renewal of  
2 certain license plates are deposited into the Gift Account for Veterans and may be  
3 used only for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their  
4 families, or both. (NRS 417.115, 482.3764) This bill authorizes the Director of the  
5 Department of Veterans Services to apply for federal grants and other sources of  
6 money available for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and  
7 their families, or both. This bill further authorizes the Director to accept gifts,  
8 grants, donations and other sources of money for such support. This bill  
9 additionally requires the Director to deposit any money received from federal  
10 grants and certain other money received from gifts, grants, donations or other  
11 sources of money with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for  
12 Veterans and to use such money only for specified purposes.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 417.115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.115 1. The Gift Account for Veterans is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Director shall administer the Gift Account for Veterans.

2. The money deposited in the Gift Account for Veterans pursuant to *subsection 5 or* NRS 482.3764 may only be used for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both, as determined by the Director.

3. *The Director may apply for federal grants and other sources of money available for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both, as determined by the Director. The Director shall use a federal grant only as permitted by the terms of the grant.*

4. *The Director may accept gifts, grants, donations and any other sources of money for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both, as determined by the Director.*

5. *The Director shall deposit any money received from a federal grant and other money received pursuant to subsection 3 or 4 with the State Treasurer for credit to the Gift Account for Veterans.*

6. The interest and income earned on the money in the Gift Account for Veterans, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Gift Account for Veterans.

~~[4.]~~ 7. All money in the Gift Account for Veterans must be paid out on claims approved by the Director as other claims against the State are paid.

~~[5.]~~ 8. Any money remaining in the Gift Account for Veterans at the end of each fiscal year does not lapse to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

~~[6.]~~ 9. The Director shall, on or before August 1 of each year, prepare and submit to the Interim Finance Committee a report detailing the expenditures made from the Gift Account for Veterans.

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

