

SENATE BILL NO. 225—SENATORS SPEARMAN, PARKS,
WOODHOUSE, CANNIZZARO; HARRIS, OHRENSCHALL AND
SCHEIBLE

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to veterans.
(BDR 37-552)

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

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

AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to submit to the Interim Finance Committee an annual report detailing expenditures made from the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma; authorizing veterans who experienced an act of sexual assault to obtain compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Director of the Department of Veterans Services administers the Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma. Money from the Account is used to assist veterans who have suffered sexual trauma while on active duty or during military training. (NRS 417.119) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Director to submit an annual report to the Interim Finance Committee detailing the expenditures made from the Account.

Existing law authorizes certain victims of crime to apply to receive compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime. (NRS 217.100, 217.260) **Section 2** of this bill amends the existing definition of "victim" for the purposes of the Fund and authorizes veterans who experienced an act of sexual assault to obtain compensation from the Fund.



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

Section 1. NRS 417.119 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. The Account to Assist Veterans Who Have Suffered Sexual Trauma is hereby created in the State General Fund. The Director shall administer the Account.

2. The Director may apply for any available grants and accept gifts, grants, donations and any other source of money for deposit in the Account.

3. Money deposited in the Account and any interest and income earned on such money must be used only to assist veterans who have suffered sexual trauma while on active duty or during military training. The interest and income earned on money in the Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the Account. All money in the Account must be paid out on claims approved by the Director as other claims against the State are paid. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

4. 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 Account for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 2. NRS 217.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

217.070 1. "Victim" means:

(a) A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a criminal act;

(b) A minor who was involved in the production of pornography in violation of NRS 200.710, 200.720, 200.725 or 200.730;

(c) A minor who was sexually abused, as "sexual abuse" is defined in NRS 432B.100;

(d) A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a violation of NRS 484C.110 or any act or neglect of duty punishable pursuant to NRS 484C.430 or 484C.440;

(e) A pedestrian who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a driver of a motor vehicle who failed to stop at the scene of a crash involving the driver and the pedestrian in violation of NRS 484E.010;

(f) An older person who is abused, neglected, exploited, isolated or abandoned in violation of NRS 200.5099 or 200.50995;

(g) A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of an act of international terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331(1); ~~for~~



(h) A person who is trafficked in violation of subsection 2 of NRS 201.300 ~~H~~; or

(i) A veteran who experienced an act of sexual assault while serving on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training.

2. The term includes any person who was harmed by an act listed in subsection 1, regardless of whether:

(a) The person is a resident of this State, a citizen of the United States or is lawfully entitled to reside in the United States; or

(b) The act was committed by an adult or a minor.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

