

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
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Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 145

Revises provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 37-77)

Sponsored By: Assemblymembers D'Silva and Gray and Senators Cruz-Crawford and Lange
Date Heard: March 10, 2025
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 145 makes various changes related to veterans. It prohibits a person from preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any other person with a claim before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense, or Nevada's Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) in violation of federal law, unless the person has received such recognition or accreditation. This bill also applies a civil penalty for such a violation.

Furthermore, the bill outlines certain provisions related to the position and duties of the Veterans Coordinator, particularly related to hiring and mentoring practices. Finally, it expands the program that provides a free annual permit to enter all State parks and recreation areas to certain family members of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Amendments:

Assemblymember D'Silva proposed an amendment specifying the provisions of Section 1 do not pertain to organizations or individuals assisting veterans with claim preparation who are not requesting or accepting payments or donations from the veterans and/or their dependents. It also adds a trigger clause to Section 1, clarifying that if enacted, Nevada law will automatically be preempted by federal legislation. The amendment also removes language prohibiting the Director of NDVS from charging a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran and adds cosponsors to the bill.



State of Nevada Assembly

Updated Conceptual Amendment (AB 145)

1. Remove the following provision from Section 3:
~~The Director shall not charge a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran~~
2. Add the following to Section 1:
Section 1. Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
A person shall not prepare, present, prosecute, advise, consult or assist any other person with a claim before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense or the Department in violation of 38 U.S.C. § 5901 or 38 C.F.R. § 14.629 unless the person has been recognized or accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to perform such activities.
This provision does not pertain to organizations or individuals who are assisting veterans with claim preparation who are not requesting or accepting payments or donations from the veterans and/or their dependents.
3. Add a trigger clause to Sec 1 stating that--if enacted--Nevada law will automatically be preempted by federal legislation that is currently being deliberated at national level directly concerning this matter (i.e. passage of GUARD VA Benefits Act, PLUS for Veterans Act, etc.)
4. **Add Following Legislators as co-sponsors:**

Senators:

Edgar Flores
Lori Rogich

Assemblymembers:

Considine
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