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SENATE BILL

No. 1127

Introduced by Senator Oropeza

February 18, 2010

An act to add Section 712 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1127, as amended, Oropeza. ~~Veterans: ailments from various conflicts: information to family members.~~ *Department of Veterans Affairs: Internet resources for veterans and their family members.*

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, administration of veterans benefits programs.

This bill would require the department to make available to family members of veterans returning from active duty user-friendly Internet resources that provide information on the signs of pertinent ailments from various conflicts, as specified, and printed material regarding those ailments at any public function of the department, *and to update its Internet Web site to prominently display a link to the Network of Care for Veterans and Service Members site.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 712 is added to the Military and Veterans
2 Code, to read:

3 712. The department shall ~~make available to family members~~
4 ~~of veterans returning from active duty both of the following:~~ *do*
5 *both of the following:*

6 (a) *Make available to family members of veterans returning*
7 *from active duty both of the following:*

8 ~~(a)(1)~~

9 (1) (A) User-friendly Internet resources that provide information
10 on the signs of pertinent ailments from various conflicts, including,
11 but not limited to, all of the following:

12 ~~(A)~~

13 (i) From the Vietnam War, exposure to Agent Orange and
14 post-traumatic stress disorder.

15 ~~(B)~~

16 (ii) From Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm,
17 exposure to depleted uranium and Gulf War Syndrome.

18 ~~(C)~~

19 (iii) From Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi
20 Freedom, traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

21 ~~(2)~~

22 (B) The Internet resources shall provide links to the appropriate
23 agency or person that may help the family members of the veteran
24 address any issues arising from the ailments specified in ~~paragraph~~
25 ~~(1)~~ *subparagraph (A)*.

26 ~~(b)~~

27 (2) Printed material regarding the ailments specified in
28 ~~subdivision (a) subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1)~~ at any public
29 function of the department.

30 (b) *Update its Internet Web site to prominently display a link*
31 *to the Network of Care for Veterans and Service Members site,*
32 *which is an online educational tool for municipal employees and*
33 *community-based organizations that allows for easier access to*
34 *information and resources relating to veterans.*