

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1739**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Allen**

February 16, 2012

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An act to amend Sections 1014 and 1050 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1739, as introduced, Allen. Veterans' Home of California: policies and procedures: review.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites, and requires each home to be under the management and control of the Department of Veterans Affairs, subject to the policies adopted by the California Veterans Board.

This bill would require the California Veterans Board to review any policy that applies to all veterans' homes regardless of its source or process.

Existing law establishes the Veterans' Home Allied Council pursuant to the constitution of the Allied Council, Veterans' Home of California, comprised of members of the home, as an advisory body to the Administrator of the Veterans' Home.

This bill would require the Veterans' Home Allied Council to review each policy and procedure adopted for the veterans' home for which the council was established.

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 1014 of the Military and Veterans Code  
2 is amended to read:

3 1014. (a) The home shall be under the management and  
4 control of the department and subject to the policies adopted by  
5 the California Veterans Board.

6 (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, the California Veterans*  
7 *Board shall review any policy that applies to all veterans' homes*  
8 *regardless of its source or process.*

9 SEC. 2. Section 1050 of the Military and Veterans Code is  
10 amended to read:

11 1050. (a) Veterans' Home Allied Councils, which are  
12 established pursuant to the constitution of the Allied Council,  
13 Veterans' Home of California, for each veterans' home, and which  
14 are composed of members of each home, are hereby recognized  
15 as established advisory bodies to the administrator of each veterans'  
16 home. Each Veterans' Home Allied Council may also represent  
17 veterans who reside at the veterans' home for which the council  
18 was established in matters before the Legislature. In the course of  
19 providing that representation, each council shall comply with the  
20 following requirements:

21 (a)  
22 (1) The council's representation shall be approved by a majority  
23 of the voting members of the council.

24 (b)  
25 (2) The council shall not engage in any campaign or endorse  
26 public candidates in connection with that representation.

27 (c)  
28 (3) The council's actions shall be in accordance with its  
29 constitution, bylaws, and policies and procedures.

30 (b) *Notwithstanding any other law, the council shall review*  
31 *each policy and procedure adopted for the veterans' home for*  
32 *which the council was established.*

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