

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 287

Introduced by Assembly Member Frazier

February 11, 2013

An act to add Section 14633 to the Government Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 287, as introduced, Frazier. Vietnam veterans' memorial: update.

Existing law authorized the construction of a memorial to California's Vietnam veterans on the grounds of the State Capitol, as specified, and provided that funds for the construction of the memorial would be provided through private contributions. Existing law prescribes various duties for the Department of General Services in connection with development and maintenance of the park around the State Capitol Building. Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a statewide Veterans Memorial Registry, and to make it available on that department's Internet Web site.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the California State Commanders Veterans Council and the Vietnam Veterans of America, to annually compile a list of names of Vietnam veterans to be added to the memorial. The bill would require that the Department of General Services annually add the names from the list to the memorial, as specified.

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 14633 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 14633. (a) On February 1, 2014, and on February 1 of each
4 year thereafter, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall compile
5 a list of names of Vietnam veterans to be added to the memorial
6 to California’s Vietnam veterans constructed pursuant to Section
7 1303 of the Military and Veterans Code.
8 (b) The names on the list compiled pursuant to subdivision (a)
9 consist of those individuals that are not included on the memorial
10 at the time that the list is compiled, including the names of veterans
11 that were inadvertently left off of the memorial and the names of
12 veterans who later died as a result of illness or injuries, including
13 physical or mental injuries documented by the Department of
14 Defense, the Veterans Administration, or licensed medical
15 professionals, that can reasonably be assumed to have resulted
16 from military service in the Vietnam War.
17 (c) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall coordinate with
18 the California State Commanders Veterans Council and the
19 Vietnam Veterans of America in compiling this list.
20 (d) Any veterans’ service organization or individual may submit
21 names for inclusion on the list prepared pursuant to subdivision
22 (a).
23 (e) The Department of General Services shall, on or before
24 March 30 of the calendar year in which the list is compiled, add
25 the names from the list compiled pursuant to subdivision (a) to the
26 memorial.

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