

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1565**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez**

January 29, 2014

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An act to add Section 714 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1565, as introduced, V. Manuel Pérez. Department of Veterans Affairs: state services for veterans.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for administering various programs and services for the benefit of veterans.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to identify the state services most commonly used by veterans, to work with the state agencies that provide those services to develop a single application process or form for veterans to use to apply for those services, and to create a process for collecting those applications and forwarding them to appropriate state agencies.

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 714 is added to the Military and Veterans
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 714. The department shall do all of the following:
- 4 (a) Identify the state services most commonly used and sought
- 5 by veterans, including unemployment and disability insurance

1 benefits and the CalWORKS program, using information gathered  
2 from any relevant source, including data collection efforts related  
3 to veterans, such as the biennial California Women Veterans  
4 Survey and the Los Angeles Survey.

5 (b) Work with state agencies that administer the services  
6 identified in subdivision (a) to develop a single application process  
7 or form that a veteran could use to apply for those identified  
8 services.

9 (c) Create a process for collecting applications developed  
10 pursuant to subdivision (b) that are submitted by veterans, and  
11 forwarding those applications to the appropriate state agencies.