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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1565

Introduced by Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez

January 29, 2014

~~An act to add Article 3.05 (commencing with Section 987.40) to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans. An act to add Section 9103.2 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to veterans.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1565, as amended, V. Manuel Pérez. ~~Department of Veterans Affairs: state services for veterans. California Department of Aging: grants: LGBT veteran services.~~

Existing law, the Mello-Granlund Older Californian's Act, establishes the California Department of Aging and sets forth its duties and powers, including, among other things, administering all programs under the act and the federal Older Americans Act of 1965, which includes providing technical assistance to area agencies on aging, program managers, staff, and volunteers providing services. Existing law provides findings and declarations relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) seniors and requires each area agency on aging to include the needs of LGBT seniors in their needs assessment and area plans.

This bill would authorize the Director of the California Department of Aging to provide grants, to the extent appropriations are made available, for nonprofit organizations with experience providing

culturally competent services and training to provide training, outreach, and education to agencies, individuals, and other appropriate entities that provide services to veterans who are elder and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

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 review existing providers of transportation services to veterans for the purpose of identifying those areas of the state most in need of volunteer transportation providers for veterans. The bill would also require the department to compile a list, by county, of veterans' transportation providers and to make the list available on its Internet Web site and on mobile devices, 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 9103.2 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:

3 9103.2. The Director of the California Department of Aging
4 may, to the extent appropriations are made available, provide
5 grants for nonprofit organizations with experience providing
6 culturally competent services and training, through a request for
7 proposal process, to provide training, outreach, and education to
8 agencies, individuals, and other appropriate entities that provide
9 services to veterans who are elder and lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
10 transgender.

11 SECTION 1. ~~Article 3.05 (commencing with Section 987.40)~~
12 ~~is added to Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Military and Veterans~~
13 ~~Code, to read:~~

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15 Article 3.05. Veterans Transportation Program
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17 987.40. ~~(a) The department shall review existing veterans'~~
18 ~~transportation providers for the purpose of identifying those areas~~
19 ~~of the state most in need of volunteer transportation providers for~~
20 ~~veterans.~~

1 ~~(b) (1) The department shall compile a list, by county, of all~~
2 ~~entities that provide transportation services to veterans for the~~
3 ~~purposes of attending medical and mental health appointments,~~
4 ~~including the provider's telephone number, address, and point of~~
5 ~~contact, if known.~~

6 ~~(2) The department shall post the list of veterans' transportation~~
7 ~~providers on its Internet Web site and shall make that list available~~
8 ~~via the department's mobile application, known as "CalVet Mobile~~
9 ~~App.," to enable access by mobile telephone and other devices.~~

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