

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 4, 2012

SENATE BILL

No. 546

Introduced by Senator Correa

February 17, 2011

An act to amend Section 80 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to military and veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 546, as amended, Correa. ~~Disabled veterans: families and dependents: employment opportunities. Secretary of Veterans Affairs: powers and duties.~~

Existing law establishes various ~~state benefits for veterans powers and duties for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, including, among others, an authorization for the secretary to employ certain employees as may be necessary to carry out his or her powers and duties.~~

This bill would instead require the secretary to employ certain employees as may be necessary to carry out his powers and duties. This bill would also update an obsolete reference to the Director of Veterans Affairs, by instead referring to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would extend employment opportunities to families and dependents of veterans who are not able to work due to service connected disabilities.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 80 of the Military and Veterans Code is
2 amended to read:

3 80. The ~~director~~ *may secretary* shall employ, subject to law
4 ~~such~~, expert, technical, legal, clerical, and other employees as may
5 be necessary to carry out his *or her* powers and duties, and except
6 as expressly otherwise provided in Section 71 of this chapter, the
7 ~~director~~ *secretary* shall be the sole appointing authority for the
8 department for all positions. Whenever possible preference shall
9 be given to veterans for employment in the department.

10 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
11 ~~legislation that would extend employment opportunities to families~~
12 ~~and dependents of veterans who are not able to work due to service~~
13 ~~connected disabilities.~~