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To: House Committee on Veterans and Military
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: HB 2831 – Requiring that federal disability determinations be probative and prohibiting state agencies and municipalities from reconsidering a veteran's disability determination.

House Bill 2831 would require that federal disability determinations be probative. HB 2831 also prohibits state agencies and municipalities from reconsidering a veteran's disability determination.

Subsection (a) defines the terms non-service-connected, service-connected and veteran.

Subsection (b) requires that findings of a service-connected disability or death by federal officials be probative. State agencies and municipalities shall not reconsider disability determinations made by the secretary of the army, secretary of the navy, the secretary of the air force, the secretary of homeland security, the secretary of health and human services and the secretary of commerce with respect to each component of the military that such individuals lead. State agencies and municipalities also shall not request or demand a veteran voluntarily seek a re-evaluation of the veteran's service-connected disability claim.

Subsection (c) states that veteran's or the veteran's surviving family may be asked for certain documents regarding the disability or death of such veteran.

Subsection (d) requires a veteran or a veteran's family to disclose a veteran's percentage of disability evaluation if that percentage is relevant to the statute in question.

The bill would take effect on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.