

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Brungardt at 10:30 a.m. on March 4, 2009, in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Connie Burns, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Kelly Kultala,
Larry Noell, Leavenworth, Kansas
Charles Klebe, Assistant Attorney General, Concealed Carry Unit
Representative Raj Goyle,
Jack Fowler, Executive Director of Veteran Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs
Ken Stodgell, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars
Representative Lee Tapanelli,
Wayne Bollig, Director of Veteran Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs

Others attending:

See attached list.

HB 2308 - Personal and family protection act, military.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2308.**

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Senator Kelly Kultala, provided testimony for Representative Melanie Meier in support of the bill. (Attachment 1) The bill would amend the Personal and Family Protection Act; and require the AG's office to assign a unique number for active duty military applicants who do not have a Kansas driver's license or Kansas identification card for use on their concealed carry license card.

Larry Noell, Leavenworth, Kansas, spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 2) Mr. Noell noted that in considering the bill, the Kansas conceal carry permit is not an identification card for federal purposes, but enables the Department of Revenue to issue KS CCH Permits without violating the REAL-ID Act of 2005. A copy of the front of a military identification card with a copy of military orders that assign them to a station in KS may be attached to their KS CCH application to verify their status.

Charles Klebe, Assistant Attorney General, Concealed Carry Unit, provided neutral testimony with changes that the Attorney General requested. (Attachment 3) Mr. Klebe stated the changes requested by the Attorney General are minor substantive changes and that the majority of the changes are purely of a "clean-up" nature.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2308.**

HB 2267 - Requires senate confirmation of KCVA appointees.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2267.**

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Representative Raj Goyle spoke in favor of the bill. (Attachment 4) The bill simply requires that commissioners nominated by the Governor be confirmed by the Senate and that each commissioner be a veteran honorably discharged from the military.

Jack Fowler, Executive Director of Veteran Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, appeared

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in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 5](#)) The bill would change the way Commissioners are appointed, and would require individuals to provide a copy of their DD Form 214 as evidence of their military service.

Ken Stodgell, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, provided testimony in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 6](#)) Mr. Stodgell stated that the position is appointed by the Governor; and are simply asking for verification of the commissioner's eligibility, and believes that confirmation of eligibility is essential if veterans are to have confidence in the agencies policy makers.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2267**.

HB 2171 - Veterans; Vietnam war medallion program.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2171**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill and the fiscal note.

Representative Lee Tafanelli spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 7](#)) The bill would create within the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (KCVA), the Vietnam War Era Medallion Program; and under the Medallion Program eligible veterans would receive a medallion, medal, and a certificate of appreciation.

Wayne Bollig, Director of Veterans Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, appeared in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 8](#)) In addition to providing recognition to Vietnam era veterans, a major benefit is the opportunity to develop a Vietnam veteran database.

Ken Stodgell, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars, spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 9](#)) The opportunity to develop a Vietnam veteran data base; it is important that the KCVA contact these veterans to ensure they are aware of federal benefits that are available to them.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2171**.

HB 2085 - An act relating to the veterans claims assistance program; service grant eligibility requirements.

Chairman Brungardt opened the hearing on **HB 2085**.

Staff provided an overview of the bill.

Wayne Bollig, Director of Veteran Services, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, spoke in favor of the bill. ([Attachment 10](#)) The bill would make technical changes to KSA 73-1234 and 73-1235; the requested changes are to ensure the program can be operated in accordance with current state statutes; and our veteran service representatives have the best training available to them.

Chairman Brungardt closed the hearing on **HB 2085**.

SB 76 - Cereal malt beverages; alcohol content, regulation by ABC, retailers authorized to sell, taxation.

Staff provided a balloon for the committee to review and will work the bill March 5, 2009. ([Attachment 11](#))

Final Action:

SB 223 - Emergency medical services board, authority to issue subpoenas.

Senator Reitz moved to pass SB 223 out favorably. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SB 224 - Emergency medical services board authorized to assess civil fines.

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The committee requested an amendment and the bill will be worked in the near future.

SB 262 - Emergency medical services attendants scope of practice and titles.

Senator Morris moved to pass SB 262 out favorably. Senator Faust-Goudeau seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HB 2068 - Real estate brokers and salespersons; licensure; deactivation.

Senator Reitz moved to pass HB 2068 out favorably. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Abrams requested to be recorded as a no vote.

Sub HB 2339 - Concerning certified public accounts, mobility, practice privilege, powers of the board of accountancy and peer review.

Senator Reitz moved to pass Sub HB 2339 out favorably. Senator Francisco seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.