THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

AN ACT

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the composition of the State Veterans' Commission. 2 3 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 6 Section 1. Section 1702(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read: 7 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission. 8 * * * 9 (b) Composition. -- The commission shall be composed of: 10 The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee. 11 (1)12 The State commander, commandant or head, or his 13 designee, of each of the following named veterans' 14 organizations: 15 (i) The American Legion. 16 (ii) AMVETS.

(iii) Blinded Veterans Association.

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- 1 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of 2 America. 3 (v) Disabled American Veterans. (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States. 4 5 (vii) Marine Corps League. (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart. 6 7 (ix) State Association of County Directors of 8 Veterans' Affairs. 9 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. 10 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United 11 States, Inc. 12 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War. 13 14 Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association. (xv) 15 Military Officers Association of America. (xvi) 16 (xvii) The Navy Club of the United States of 17 America. 18 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from 19 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall 20 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a 21 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized 22 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth. 23 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least 24 one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at 25 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor 26 has been appointed.
- 27 (4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the
 28 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign
 29 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting
 30 members.

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- 2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.