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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE CALL TO ACTION

Our VFW Department of Illinois could use your help. It only takes a few minutes and the positive impact you will have on our veterans community is immense.

We are asking you contact your State Representative and Senator. You can find their

Contact information <u>click here</u> or *https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/*

These are the bills that are vital. Contact your elected officials and urge them to support veterans. Call, email or better do both. *You'll be amazed what this simple gesture accomplishes.*

HB35 - Veterans Bill of Rights. Increase veterans small business loans. Support programs to prevent veterans suicide. Increase veterans access to health care and new strategies to prevent veterans homelessness. **For more details <u>click here</u>**

Not out of committee, meaning they're unlikely to advance at this time

HB163 - Provides that at the time of enrollment, US Military personnel based in temporary housing located outside a school district but will live in a school district in 6 months, must be enrolled in district without charge for tuition. **For more details** <u>click here</u>

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HB390 - Appropriates \$250,000 for the training of service dogs. **For more details** <u>click here</u> Not out of committee, meaning they're unlikely to advance at this time

HB2378 The bill amends the Disabled Veterans Homestead Act to allow a surviving spouse who receives DIC to apply for the exemption, if the veteran died before applying for the exemption. **For more details** <u>click here</u>

May advance this session

HB2775 - Homelessness. Bill will prevent interference by landlords in the assistance provided by county VAC's. **For more details** <u>click here</u>

Is currently in the Senate after passing the House

WE OPPOSE HB3590, this bill would defund the Cook County VAC. It is currently in the house rules committee. It was passed by the House Veterans Affairs Committee. Several VAC Superintendents testified against the bill in a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing. For more details <u>click here</u> Not out of committee, meaning they're unlikely to advance at this time

HB5184 - Amends the Military Veterans Assistance Act. click here

Placed on Calendar 2nd Reading - Short Debate

SB569 - Provides that high school students can take the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Test in their school. **For more details** <u>click here</u>

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