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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Collins moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 265.8021, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

265.8021 Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History
Program.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "veteran" has the
same meaning as in s. 1.01(14).

(2) The Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History



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12 Program is created within the Division of Arts and Culture as a
13 Florida Folklife Program to collect and preserve the stories and
14 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's
15 military contributions throughout the nation's history. The
16 division may request assistance with the program from the
17 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

18 (3) In order to collect and preserve the stories and
19 experiences of Florida's veterans and the State of Florida's
20 military contributions throughout the nation's history, the
21 division's folklorists shall seek out and identify those
22 veterans who are willing to share their experiences. The
23 division or a folklorist may interview veterans or invite
24 veterans to submit written or electronic accounts of their
25 experiences for inclusion in the program.

26 (4) As provided in s. 265.802, the division may contract
27 with a third-party vendor to fulfill its responsibilities under
28 subsection (3).

29 (5) The division may adopt rules to implement the program.

30 Section 2. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (3),
31 and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 295.21, Florida
32 Statutes, are amended to read:

33 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

34 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the corporation is to serve as
35 the state's initial point of military transition assistance
36 dedicated to promoting ~~promote~~ Florida as a veteran-friendly
37 state helping ~~that seeks~~ to provide veterans and their spouses
38 with employment opportunities and promoting ~~that promotes~~ the
39 hiring of veterans and their spouses by the business community.
40 The corporation shall encourage retired and recently separated



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41 military personnel to remain in this ~~the~~ state or to make this
42 ~~the~~ state their permanent residence. The corporation shall
43 promote the value of military skill sets to businesses in this
44 ~~the~~ state, assist in tailoring the training of veterans and
45 their spouses to match the needs of the employment marketplace,
46 and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans and their
47 spouses.

48 (3) DUTIES.—The corporation shall:

49 (a) Conduct marketing, awareness, and outreach activities
50 directed toward its target market. As used in this section, the
51 term "target market" means servicemembers of the United States
52 Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,
53 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of
54 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes
55 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such
56 individuals who have not remarried ~~research to identify the~~
57 ~~target market and the educational and employment needs of those~~
58 ~~in the target market. The corporation shall contract with at~~
59 ~~least one entity pursuant to the competitive bidding~~
60 ~~requirements in s. 287.057 and the provisions of s. 295.187 to~~
61 ~~perform the research. Such entity must have experience~~
62 ~~conducting market research on the veteran demographic. The~~
63 ~~corporation shall seek input from the Florida Tourism Industry~~
64 ~~Marketing Corporation on the scope, process, and focus of such~~
65 ~~research.~~

66 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

67 (a) The corporation shall be governed by an 11-member ~~a~~
68 ~~nine-member~~ board of directors. The Governor, the President of
69 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives



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70 shall each appoint three members to the board. The appointments
71 made by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
72 of Representatives may not be from the body over which he or she
73 presides. In making appointments, the Governor, the President of
74 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must
75 consider representation by active or retired military personnel
76 and their spouses, representing a range of ages and persons with
77 expertise in business, education, marketing, and information
78 management. Additionally, the President of the Senate and the
79 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
80 member from the body over which he or she presides to serve on
81 the board as ex officio, nonvoting members.

82 Section 3. Section 295.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to
83 read:

84 295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

85 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds
86 that the state has a compelling interest in ensuring that each
87 veteran or his or her spouse who is a resident of this ~~the~~ state
88 finds employment that meets his or her professional goals and
89 receives the training or education necessary to meet those
90 goals. The Legislature also finds that connecting dedicated,
91 well-trained veterans with businesses that need a dedicated,
92 well-trained workforce is of paramount importance. The
93 Legislature recognizes that veterans or their spouses may not
94 currently have the skills to meet the workforce needs of Florida
95 employers and may require assistance in obtaining additional
96 workforce training or in transitioning their skills to meet the
97 demands of the marketplace. It is the intent of the Legislature
98 that the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program



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99 coordinate and meet the needs of veterans and their spouses and
100 the business community to enhance the economy of this state.

101 (2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the
102 term:

103 (a) “Secondary industry business” is a business that the
104 state has an additional interest in supporting and for which
105 veterans and their spouses may have directly transferable
106 skills. Such businesses are in the fields of health care,
107 agriculture, commercial construction, education, law
108 enforcement, and public service.

109 (b) “Servicemember” means any person serving as a member of
110 the United States Armed Forces on active duty or state active
111 duty and all members of the Florida National Guard and United
112 States Reserve Forces.

113 (c) “Target industry business” is a business as defined in
114 s. 288.005.

115 (d) “Target market” means servicemembers of the United
116 States Armed Forces who have 24 months or less until discharge,
117 veterans with 36 months or less since discharge, and members of
118 the Florida National Guard or reserves. The term includes
119 spouses of such individuals, and surviving spouses of such
120 individuals who have not remarried.

121 (3) CREATION.—The Veterans Employment and Training Services
122 Program is created within the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to
123 assist in connecting servicemembers, linking veterans, or their
124 spouses who are in the target market in search of employment
125 with businesses seeking to hire dedicated, well-trained workers
126 and with opportunities for entrepreneurship education, training,
127 and resources. The purpose of the program is to meet the



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128 workforce demands of businesses in this ~~the~~ state by
129 facilitating access to training and education in high-demand
130 fields for such individuals and to inspire the growth and
131 development of veteran-owned small businesses ~~veterans or their~~
132 ~~spouses~~.

133 (4) ~~(3)~~ ADMINISTRATION.—Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., shall
134 administer the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program
135 and perform all of the following functions:

136 (a) Conduct marketing and recruiting efforts directed at
137 individuals within the target market ~~veterans or their spouses~~
138 who reside in or ~~who~~ have an interest in relocating to this
139 state and who are seeking employment. Marketing must include
140 information related to how ~~a veteran's~~ military experience can
141 be valuable to a target industry or secondary industry business.
142 Such efforts may include attending ~~veteran~~ job fairs and events,
143 hosting events for servicemembers, veterans, and their spouses
144 or the business community, and using digital and social media
145 and direct mail campaigns. The corporation shall also include
146 such marketing as part of its main marketing campaign.

147 (b) Assist individuals in the target market ~~veterans or~~
148 ~~their spouses~~ who reside in or relocate to this state and who
149 are seeking employment with target industry or secondary
150 industry businesses. The corporation shall offer skills
151 assessments to such individuals ~~veterans or their spouses~~ and
152 assist them in establishing employment goals and applying for
153 and achieving gainful employment.

154 1. Assessment may include skill match information, skill
155 gap analysis, résumé creation, translation of military skills
156 into civilian workforce skills, and translation of military



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157 achievements and experience into generally understood civilian
158 workforce skills.

159 2. Assistance may include providing the servicemember,
160 veteran, or his or her spouse with information on current
161 workforce demand by industry or geographic region, creating
162 employment goals, and aiding or teaching general knowledge
163 related to completing applications. ~~The corporation may provide~~
164 ~~information related to industry certifications approved by the~~
165 ~~Department of Education under s. 1008.44 as well as information~~
166 ~~related to earning academic college credit at public~~
167 ~~postsecondary educational institutions for college-level~~
168 ~~training and education acquired in the military under s.~~
169 ~~1004.096.~~

170 3. ~~The corporation shall encourage veterans or their~~
171 ~~spouses to register with the state's job bank system and may~~
172 ~~refer veterans to local one-stop career centers for further~~
173 ~~services. The corporation shall provide each veteran with~~
174 ~~information about state workforce programs and shall consolidate~~
175 ~~information about all available resources on one website that,~~
176 ~~if possible, includes a hyperlink to each resource's website and~~
177 ~~contact information, if available.~~

178 4. Assessment and assistance may be in person or by
179 electronic means, as determined by the corporation to be most
180 efficient and best meet the needs of veterans or their spouses.

181 (c) Assist Florida target industry and secondary industry
182 businesses in recruiting and hiring individuals in the target
183 market ~~veterans and veterans' spouses~~. The corporation shall
184 provide services to Florida businesses to meet their hiring
185 needs by connecting businesses with suitable ~~veteran~~ applicants



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186 for employment. Suitable applicants include veterans or
187 veterans' spouses who have appropriate job skills or may need
188 additional training to meet the specific needs of a business.
189 The corporation shall also provide information about the state
190 and federal benefits of hiring veterans.

191 (d) Create a grant program to provide funding to assist
192 individuals in the target market ~~veterans~~ in meeting the
193 workforce-skill needs of target industry and secondary industry
194 businesses seeking to hire, promote, or generally improve
195 specialized skills of veterans, establish criteria for approval
196 of requests for funding, and maximize the use of funding for
197 this program. Grant funds may be used only in the absence of
198 available veteran-specific federally funded programs. Grants may
199 fund specialized training specific to a particular business.

200 1. The program may prioritize ~~If grant funds to be~~ are used
201 to provide a technical certificate, a license licensure, or
202 nondegree training from the Master Credentials List pursuant to
203 s. 445.004(4) (h); any federally created certifications or
204 licenses; and any skills-based industry certifications or
205 licenses deemed relevant or necessary by the corporation. a
206 ~~degree,~~ Funds may be allocated only upon a review that includes,
207 but is not limited to, documentation of accreditation and
208 licensure. ~~Instruction funded through the program terminates~~
209 ~~when participants demonstrate competence at the level specified~~
210 ~~in the request but may not exceed 12 months. Preference shall be~~
211 ~~given to target industry businesses, as defined in s. 288.005,~~
212 ~~and to businesses in the defense supply, cloud virtualization,~~
213 ~~health care, or commercial aviation manufacturing industries.~~

214 2. Costs and expenditures are ~~shall be~~ limited to \$8,000



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215 per ~~veteran~~ trainee. Qualified businesses must cover the entire
216 cost for all of the training provided before receiving
217 reimbursement from the corporation equal to 50 percent of the
218 cost to train a veteran who is a permanent, full-time employee.
219 Eligible costs and expenditures include, but are not limited to:

220 a. Tuition and fees.

221 b. Books and classroom materials.

222 c. Rental fees for facilities.

223 3. Before funds are allocated for a request pursuant to
224 this section, the corporation shall prepare a grant agreement
225 between the business requesting funds and the corporation. Such
226 agreement must include, but need not be limited to:

227 a. Identification of the personnel necessary to conduct the
228 instructional program, instructional program description, and
229 any vendors used to conduct the instructional program.

230 b. Identification of the estimated duration of the
231 instructional program.

232 c. Identification of all direct, training-related costs.

233 d. Identification of special program requirements that are
234 not otherwise addressed in the agreement.

235 e. Permission to access aggregate information specific to
236 the wages and performance of participants upon the completion of
237 instruction for evaluation purposes. The agreement must specify
238 that any evaluation published subsequent to the instruction may
239 not identify the employer or any individual participant.

240 4. A business may receive a grant under any state program
241 ~~the Quick-Response Training Program created under s. 288.047~~ and
242 a grant under this section for the same veteran trainee.

243 (e) Contract with one or more entities to administer an



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244 entrepreneur initiative program for individuals in the target
245 market ~~veterans~~ in this state which connects business leaders in
246 the state with such individuals ~~veterans~~ seeking to become
247 entrepreneurs.

248 1. The corporation shall award each contract in accordance
249 with the competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057 to one
250 or more public or private entities that:

251 a. Demonstrate the ability to implement the program and the
252 commitment of resources, including financial resources, to such
253 programs.

254 b. Have a demonstrated experience working with veteran
255 entrepreneurs.

256 c. As determined by the corporation, have been recognized
257 for their performance in assisting entrepreneurs to launch
258 successful businesses in this ~~the~~ state.

259 2. Each contract must include performance metrics,
260 including a focus on employment and business creation. The
261 entity may also work with a university or college offering
262 related programs to refer individuals in the target market
263 ~~veterans~~ or to provide services. The entrepreneur initiative
264 program may include activities and assistance such as peer-to-
265 peer learning sessions, mentoring, technical assistance,
266 business roundtables, networking opportunities, support of
267 student organizations, speaker series, or other tools within a
268 virtual environment.

269 (f) Administer a ~~As the state's principal assistance~~
270 ~~organization under the United States Department of Defense's~~
271 SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ for target industry and secondary
272 industry ~~qualified~~ businesses in this state and for eligible



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273 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~
274 who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this state. In
275 administering the initiative, the corporation shall:

276 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its certification
277 for the SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ or any other similar
278 workforce training and transition programs established by the
279 United States Department of Defense;

280 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and eligible
281 individuals in the target market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ on
282 the SkillBridge initiative ~~program~~ and its benefits, and educate
283 military command and personnel within the state on the
284 opportunities available to eligible individuals in the target
285 market ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ ~~through the SkillBridge~~
286 ~~program~~;

287 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled
288 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge initiative
289 ~~program~~, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,
290 internships, or fellowships; and

291 4. Match eligible individuals in the target market
292 ~~transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible for~~
293 ~~SkillBridge participation by their military command~~ with
294 training opportunities offered by the corporation or
295 participating businesses, with the intent of having them
296 ~~transitioning servicemembers~~ achieve gainful employment in this
297 state upon completion of their SkillBridge training.

298 ~~(g) Assist veterans and their spouses in accessing~~
299 ~~training, education, and employment in health care professions.~~

300 ~~(h) Coordinate with the Office of Veteran Licensure~~
301 ~~Services within the Department of Health to assist veterans and~~



302 ~~their spouses in obtaining licensure pursuant to s. 456.024.~~

303 (5) COLLABORATION.—

304 (a) The corporation may assist state agencies and entities
305 with recruiting veteran talent into their workforces.

306 (b) The corporation is encouraged to, and may collaborate
307 with state agencies and other entities in efforts to, maximize
308 access to and provide information on one website that, if
309 possible, includes hyperlinks to the websites of and contact
310 information, if available, for state agencies and other entities
311 that maintain benefits, services, training, education, and other
312 resources that are available to veterans and their spouses.

313 (c) The corporation may collaborate with other state
314 agencies and entities for outreach, information exchange,
315 marketing, and referrals regarding programs and initiatives that
316 include, but are not limited to, the program created by this
317 section and those within any of the following:

318 1. The Department of Veterans' Affairs:

319 a. Access to benefits and assistance programs.

320 b. Hope Navigators Program.

321 2. The Department of Commerce:

322 a. The Disabled Veteran Outreach Program and local veteran
323 employment representatives.

324 b. CareerSource Florida, Inc., and local workforce boards
325 employment and recruitment services.

326 c. The Quick-Response Training Program.

327 d. Efforts of the Florida Defense Support Task Force
328 created under s. 288.987, the Florida Small Business Development
329 Center Network, and the direct support organization established
330 in s. 288.012(6).



331 3. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation,
332 reciprocity and the availability of certain license and fee
333 waivers.

334 4. The Department of Education:

335 a. CAPE industry certifications under s. 1008.44.

336 b. Information related to earning postsecondary credit at
337 public postsecondary educational institutions for college-level
338 training and education acquired in the military under s.
339 1004.096.

340 5. The Department of Health:

341 a. The Office of Veteran Licensure Services.

342 b. The Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online
343 Response expedited licensing.

344 6. The Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help.

345 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 379.353, Florida
346 Statutes, is amended to read:

347 379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from
348 fees and requirements.—

349 (1) The commission shall issue without fee hunting,
350 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses and permits
351 ~~shall be issued without fee~~ to any resident who is certified or
352 determined to be:

353 (a) ~~To be~~ Totally and permanently disabled for purposes of
354 workers' compensation under chapter 440 as verified by an order
355 of a judge of compensation claims or written confirmation by the
356 carrier providing workers' compensation benefits, or to be
357 totally and permanently disabled by the Railroad Retirement
358 Board, by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or
359 its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed



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360 Forces, or who holds a valid identification card issued under
361 ~~the provisions of~~ s. 295.17, upon proof of such certification or
362 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph
363 after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and must be
364 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

365 (b) ~~To be~~ Disabled by the United States Social Security
366 Administration, upon proof of such certification or
367 determination ~~same~~. Any license issued under this paragraph
368 after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and must be
369 reissued, upon proof of certification of disability, every 2
370 years thereafter.

371 (c) A disabled veteran of the United States Armed Forces
372 who was honorably discharged upon separation from service and
373 who is certified by the United States Department of Veterans
374 Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States
375 Armed Forces as having a service-connected disability percentage
376 rating of 50 percent or greater, upon proof of such
377 certification or determination. Any license issued under this
378 paragraph after July 1, 2024, expires after 5 years and must be
379 reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

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381 A disability license issued after July 1, 1997, and before July
382 1, 2000, retains the rights vested thereunder until the license
383 has expired.

384 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 381.78, Florida
385 Statutes, is amended to read:

386 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries.—

387 (1) There is created within the department an 18-member ~~a~~
388 ~~16-member~~ advisory council on brain and spinal cord injuries.



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389 The council shall be composed of a minimum of four individuals
390 who have brain injuries or are family members of individuals who
391 have brain injuries, a minimum of four individuals who have
392 spinal cord injuries or are family members of individuals who
393 have spinal cord injuries, and a minimum of two individuals who
394 represent the special needs of children who have brain or spinal
395 cord injuries. The balance of the council members shall be
396 physicians, other allied health professionals, administrators of
397 brain and spinal cord injury programs, and representatives from
398 support groups that have expertise in areas related to the
399 rehabilitation of individuals who have brain or spinal cord
400 injuries. Additionally, the council must include two veterans
401 who have or have had a traumatic brain injury, chronic traumatic
402 encephalopathy, or subconcussive impacts due to military
403 service, or include the family members of such veterans.

404 Section 6. Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section
405 1003.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

406 1003.42 Required instruction.—

407 (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
408 schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education
409 and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and
410 faithfully, using the books and materials required that meet the
411 highest standards for professionalism and historical accuracy,
412 following the prescribed courses of study, and employing
413 approved methods of instruction, the following:

414 (u)1. In order to encourage patriotism, the sacrifices that
415 ~~veterans and~~ Medal of Honor recipients have made in serving our
416 country and protecting democratic values worldwide. Such
417 instruction must occur on or before Medal of Honor Day~~7~~



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418 ~~Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day.~~ Members of the instructional
419 staff are encouraged to use the assistance of local veterans and
420 Medal of Honor recipients when practicable.

421 2. The history and importance of Veterans' Day and Memorial
422 Day. Such instruction may include two 45-minute lessons that
423 occur on or before the respective holidays.

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425 The State Board of Education is encouraged to adopt standards
426 and pursue assessment of the requirements of this subsection.
427 Instructional programming that incorporates the values of the
428 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and that is
429 offered as part of a social studies, English Language Arts, or
430 other schoolwide character building and veteran awareness
431 initiative meets the requirements of paragraph (u).

432 Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
433 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

434 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
435 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
436 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
437 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
438 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
439 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
440 Development Programs Evaluation.

441 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and
442 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development
443 programs as provided in the following schedule:

444 (c) By January 1, 2016, and every 3 years thereafter, an
445 analysis of the following:

446 1. The tax exemption for semiconductor, defense, or space



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447 technology sales established under s. 212.08(5)(j).

448 2. The Military Base Protection Program established under
449 s. 288.980.

450 3. The Quick Response Training Program established under s.
451 288.047.

452 4. The Incumbent Worker Training Program established under
453 s. 445.003.

454 5. The direct-support organization and international trade
455 and business development programs established or funded under s.
456 288.012 or s. 288.826.

457 6. The program established under s. 295.22(3) ~~s. 295.22(2)~~.

458 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
459 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a
460 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
461 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

462 379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.—

463 (2)

464 (b) A person born on or after June 1, 1975, who has not
465 successfully completed a hunter safety course may apply to the
466 commission for a special authorization to hunt under
467 supervision. The special authorization for supervised hunting
468 shall be designated on any license or permit required under this
469 chapter for a person to take game or fur-bearing animals. A
470 person issued a license with a special authorization to hunt
471 under supervision must hunt under the supervision of, and in the
472 presence of, a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed
473 to hunt pursuant to s. 379.354 or who is exempt from licensing
474 requirements or eligible for a free license pursuant to s.
475 379.353.



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476 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
477 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in
478 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
479 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 379.401, Florida
480 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

481 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for
482 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and
483 forfeiture of licenses and permits.—

484 (2) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.—

485 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Two violation but who
486 has not been convicted of a Level Two or higher violation within
487 the past 3 years commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
488 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

489 2. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 3. or
490 subparagraph 4. apply, a person who commits a Level Two
491 violation within 3 years after a previous conviction for a Level
492 Two or higher violation commits a misdemeanor of the first
493 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with
494 a minimum mandatory fine of \$250.

495 3. Unless the stricter penalties in subparagraph 4. apply,
496 a person who commits a Level Two violation within 5 years after
497 two previous convictions for a Level Two or higher violation,
498 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
499 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum mandatory
500 fine of \$500 and a suspension of any recreational license or
501 permit issued under s. 379.354 for 1 year. Such suspension shall
502 include the suspension of the privilege to obtain such license
503 or permit and the suspension of the ability to exercise any
504 privilege granted under any exemption in s. 379.353.



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505 4. A person who commits a Level Two violation within 10
506 years after three previous convictions for a Level Two or higher
507 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
508 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum
509 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational
510 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for 3 years. Such
511 suspension shall include the suspension of the privilege to
512 obtain such license or permit and the suspension of the ability
513 to exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the
514 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual
515 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354
516 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of
517 the violation.

518 (3) LEVEL THREE VIOLATIONS.—

519 (b)1. A person who commits a Level Three violation but who
520 has not been convicted of a Level Three or higher violation
521 within the past 10 years commits a misdemeanor of the first
522 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

523 2. A person who commits a Level Three violation within 10
524 years after a previous conviction for a Level Three or higher
525 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
526 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, with a minimum
527 mandatory fine of \$750 and a suspension of any recreational
528 license or permit issued under s. 379.354 for the remainder of
529 the period for which the license or permit was issued up to 3
530 years. Such suspension shall include the suspension of the
531 privilege to obtain such license or permit and the ability to
532 exercise any privilege granted under s. 379.353. If the
533 recreational license or permit being suspended was an annual



534 license or permit, any privileges under ss. 379.353 and 379.354
535 may not be acquired for a 3-year period following the date of
536 the violation.

537 3. A person who commits a violation of s. 379.354(17) shall
538 receive a mandatory fine of \$1,000. Any privileges under ss.
539 379.353 and 379.354 may not be acquired for a 5-year period
540 following the date of the violation.

541 Section 10. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
542 \$91,207 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
543 appropriated to the Division of Arts and Culture of the
544 Department of State, and one full-time equivalent position with
545 associated salary rate of 68,771 is authorized, to implement and
546 administer the Major John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History
547 Program as created by this act.

548 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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550 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

551 And the title is amended as follows:

552 Delete everything before the enacting clause
553 and insert:

554 A bill to be entitled

555 An act relating to veterans; creating s. 265.8021,
556 F.S.; defining the term "veteran"; creating the Major
557 John Leroy Haynes Florida Veterans' History Program
558 within the Division of Arts and Culture of the
559 Department of State as a Florida Folklife Program;
560 providing the program's purpose; authorizing the
561 division to request assistance from the Department of
562 Veterans' Affairs; requiring the division's



563 folklorists to seek out and identify certain veterans;
564 authorizing the division or a folklorist to interview
565 such veterans or invite them to submit written or
566 electronic accounts of their experiences; authorizing
567 the division to contract with a third-party vendor for
568 a specified purpose; authorizing the division to adopt
569 rules; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; revising the purpose
570 of Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.; revising the duties
571 of the corporation to require that it conduct
572 specified activities directed toward its target
573 market; defining the term "target market"; revising
574 the number of members on the corporation's board of
575 directors; deleting obsolete language; specifying that
576 certain appointments made by the President of the
577 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
578 may not be from their respective chambers; providing
579 that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
580 the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
581 member from his or her chamber to serve as ex officio,
582 nonvoting members of the corporation's board of
583 directors; making technical changes; amending s.
584 295.22, F.S.; defining terms; revising the purpose of
585 the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program;
586 revising the functions that Florida Is For Veterans,
587 Inc., must perform in administering a specified
588 program; authorizing the program to prioritize grant
589 funds; revising the uses of specified grant funds;
590 authorizing a business to receive certain other grant
591 funds in addition to specified grant funds;



592 authorizing the corporation to provide certain
593 assistance to state agencies and entities, to provide
594 a website that has relevant hyperlinks, and to
595 collaborate with specified state agencies and other
596 entities for specified purposes; conforming provisions
597 to changes made by the act; making technical changes;
598 amending s. 379.353, F.S.; providing free hunting,
599 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing licenses to
600 certain disabled veterans; providing that specified
601 licenses issued to such veterans expire periodically
602 and must be reissued upon request after such time
603 period; amending s. 381.78, F.S.; revising the
604 membership of the advisory council on brain and spinal
605 cord injuries; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; requiring
606 instruction on the history and importance of Veterans'
607 Day and Memorial Day; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.;
608 conforming a cross-reference; reenacting ss.
609 379.3581(2)(b) and 379.401(2)(b) and (3)(b), F.S.,
610 relating to special authorization hunting licenses and
611 the suspension and forfeiture of licenses and permits,
612 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
613 379.353, F.S., in references thereto; providing an
614 appropriation and authorizing a position; providing an
615 effective date.