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Committee Bill No. 742

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:

(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A VETERANS' HEALTH REGISTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Department of
2 Veterans' Affairs may establish and maintain, within available
3 resources, a registry of data on members of the armed forces, as
4 defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, who have completed a
5 period of active service. The department may develop surveys for
6 members or their health care providers to voluntarily provide data
7 during or after such active service. The surveys and data shall be
8 collected and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the
9 federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
10 (P.L. 104-191) (HIPAA), as amended from time to time, or regulations
11 adopted thereunder.

12 (b) The surveys and data shall be related to members' illnesses and
13 potential correlations to environmental hazards, including, but not
14 limited to, vaccinations, infections, chemicals, pesticides, microwaves,
15 depleted uranium, pyridostigmine bromide, and chemical and
16 biological warfare agents. Within available resources, the department
17 may use the data in the registry to (1) study the potential short-term

18 and long-term effects of such hazards on such members, and (2)
19 inform, customize and coordinate the provision of health care services
20 to such members.

21 (c) No individually identifiable health information may be released
22 by the department without the consent of the member to whom the
23 information pertains in accordance with the requirements of the
24 federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
25 (P.L. 104-191) (HIPAA), as amended from time to time, or regulations
26 adopted thereunder.

27 (d) The surveys and data in the registry shall not be subject to
28 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section
29 1-200 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the implementation of a state veterans' health registry.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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