



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 255**

January Session, 2011

Substitute Senate Bill No. 368

*Senate, March 29, 2011*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-102n of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of  
5 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner  
6 and sixteen members who by education or experience shall be  
7 qualified in health care, business management, social services or law  
8 and who shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of  
9 veterans, and may include members or representatives of veterans'  
10 organizations that represent or serve disabled veterans. A majority of  
11 the members of the board shall be veterans, including veterans of  
12 World War II, the Korean hostilities and the Vietnam era. Members  
13 shall be appointed as follows: Ten by the Governor who shall serve at



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill permits members of organizations representing disabled veterans to sit on the Board of Trustees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and results in no fiscal impact.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 368*****AN ACT CONCERNING REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill specifies that the Board of Trustees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs may include members or representatives of veterans' organizations that represent or serve disabled veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Department of Veterans' Affairs Board of Trustees***

By law, the board consists of the veterans' affairs commissioner and 16 members who must (1) be qualified by education or experience in health care, business management, social services, or law and (2) have a demonstrated interest in veterans' concerns. The majority must be veterans, including those of World War II, the Korean hostilities, and the Vietnam era. The governor appoints 10 members and legislative leaders appoint the other six. Board members receive no compensation for their services, but are reimbursed for reasonable expenses related to their duties.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)