



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 691

LCO No. 4366



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VETERANS' CRISIS LINE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 27-100d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide a toll-free
4 telephone number for use as (1) a clearinghouse by veterans, active
5 members of the armed forces in this state, including the National
6 Guard, and their families to obtain, in response to their requests about
7 benefits or services that may be available to such veterans, members or
8 their families, referrals to entities that provide such benefits or
9 services, and (2) a crisis line to respond to requests for assistance from
10 veterans that is modeled on the federal veterans' crisis line. The toll-
11 free telephone number shall be staffed by employees of or trained
12 volunteers working at the Department of Veterans' Affairs on
13 weekdays during regular business hours, and on weekends and
14 holidays from nine o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	27-100d
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Veterans' Affairs to operate a toll-free veterans' crisis hotline.

[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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