Senate Bill No. 117–Senator Cruz-Crawford

Joint Sponsor: Assemblymember Moore

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to make available to certain agencies, resource centers or programs any existing informational materials concerning the process for applying for an upgrade to the character of a veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for a veteran's discharge from service; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to conduct outreach to, and provide assistance designed for the unique needs of, veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and their spouses and dependents. Existing law further requires this outreach and assistance to include, without limitation, a requirement for the Director to provide assistance in applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service. (NRS 417.121) This bill additionally requires the Director to, as part of such outreach and assistance, make available to any agency, resource center or program in this State which provides services and resources to veterans and members of the military regarding the benefits, services, programs and assistance available to veterans any existing informational materials concerning the process for applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service.

EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 417.121 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.121 1. The Director shall conduct outreach to, and provide assistance designed for the unique needs of, veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and their spouses and dependents, including, without limitation ~~[, providing]~~ ***:***

(a) Providing assistance in applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service ~~[.]~~ ***; and***

(b) Making available to any agency, resource center or program in this State which provides services and resources to veterans and members of the military regarding the benefits,

services, programs and assistance available to veterans any existing informational materials concerning the process for applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran's discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for the veteran's discharge from service.

2. As used in this section, "veteran" means a resident of this State who meets the qualifications of subsection 1 of NRS 417.005.

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