

**Joint Leadership Council of Veteran Service Organizations
2021 Proposed Legislative Initiatives**

No.	Bill No.	Patron	Identifier	Subject	Notes
1	HB125 HB1619 SB451	Miyares Helmer Reeves	<i>Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low- Income Disabled Veterans</i>	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federal adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Carried over from the 2020 legislative session. Committee - Pending
2	HB1771	Freitas	<i>Individual and corporate tax credit; employers of National Guard members</i>	Employers of National Guard members and self-employed national Guard members. Provides for taxable years 2021 through 2025 a nonrefundable tax credit against individual and corporate income taxes for (i) wages paid by an employer to an employee who is a Virginia National Guard member or (ii) income of a self-employed Virginia National Guard member attributable to his business. The amount of the credit shall be 25% if such member was in a military pay status for 65 days or more during such taxable year or 15% if such member was in a military pay status for 45 days or more during the taxable year. The credit shall not be allowed if such member was in a military pay status for fewer than 45 days during such taxable year.	Committee on Finance
3	HB1766	Cox	<i>State Parks: Disabled Veteran Passport</i>	Expands the Disabled Veteran's Passport to all U. S. veterans with a service-connected disability. Currently, a veteran must be 100% disabled to be eligible for the program which provides free entry into state parks and a 50% discount on camping and swimming fees, picnic shelter rentals, and other equipment rentals provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.	Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
4	HB1739	Wampler	<i>State Parks: discount rental and service fees: military and veterans</i>	Directs the Department of Conservation and Recreation to establish a policy that entitles any veteran or person on active duty military service and the accompanying spouse and children of such person, to a 50% discount on rental and service fees.	Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
5	HB1796	Walker	<i>Special License Plates for Virginia Guard Retirees</i>	Removes the fee for the issuance of a special license plate for retired members of the Virginia National Guard. Currently, such special license plates cost the same as the prescribed cost for a typical Virginia license plate.	Committee on Transportation
6	HB1797	Walker	<i>Special License Plates; Certain</i>	Removes the fee for one special license plate for one motor vehicle owned and used by an applicant who has been awarded	Committee on Transportation

			<i>Military Declarations</i>	the Bronze Star, bronze Star with a “V” for valor, or a Silver Star. The bill provides that the applicant will be charged the typical fee for state license plates for any such additional special license plates.	
7	HB1839	Wyatt	<i>Special hunting and fishing license for disabled veterans; 50% disabled</i>	Authroizes any resident veteran who has a service-connected disability of 50% or more to receive at no cost from the Department of Wildlife Resources a lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish. Current law authorizes the provision of such license at no cost to a veteran who is totally and permanently disabled and at half-cost to a veteran who is 70% disabled.	Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources
8	SB1150	Sen. Kiggans	<i>Department of Veteran Services; Military Spouse Liasion; position created</i>	Establishes the position of Military Spouse Liaison (the Liaison) in the Department of Veteran Services to conduct outreach and advocate on behalf of military spouses in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Liaison to report by December 1 of each year through the Commissioner of the Department of Veteran Services to the Secretary of Veteran and Defense Affairs, the Governor, and the General Assembly on the work of the Liaison and any legislative recommendations.	Committee on General Laws and Technology
9	SB1130	Sen. Reeves	<i>Personal Property Tax Exemption Motor Vehicle of a disabled veteran</i>	Provides that one motor vehicle of a veteran who has 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability shall be exempt from local taxes. This bill is enabling legislation for a constitutional amendment ratified by the voters of the Commonwealth at the November 2020 general election.	Committees on Finance and House Appropriations
10	SB1129	Sen. Reeves	<i>Letter ensuring VSOs are exempt from §18.2-433.2 Code of Virginia</i>	A letter about revision to the Code of Virginia (§18.2-433.2) ensuring Veteran Service Organization Honor Guards, Color Guards, or Rifle Teams are exempted from inadvertent impacts of State Statutes. A letter about revision to the Code of Virginia (§18.2-433.2) ensuring Veteran Service Organization Honor Guards, Color Guards, or Rifle Teams are exempted from inadvertent impacts of State Statutes.	Judiciary Committee
11	SB 1151	Sen. Kiggans	<i>Income taz subtraction; veteran retirement income</i>	Provides an income tax subtraction for the military retirement income received by certain veterans for their service of \$2,500 for a veteran under the age of 65 and \$5,000 for veterans 65 years of age and older, who earn no more that \$82,000 in annual military retirement income.	Committees on Finance and House Appropriations