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Mission Statement

Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida, is a congressionally chartered veteran's service organization that provides a platform of advocacy, education and research, communication, adaptive sports and recreation for veterans paralyzed as a result of spinal cord injury or dysfunction, in an effort to afford them with the highest quality of healthcare and life experiences.

Paralyzed Veterans of America Central Florida

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President

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are being held in New York City and I thought you might like to know that Washington Irving was born there on April 3, 1783. He was an American short-story writer, essayist, biographer, historian, and diplomat of the early 19th century. He is best known for his short stories “Rip Van Winkle” (1819) and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” (1820), both of which appear in his collection *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.* Irving also served as American ambassador to Spain in the 1840s.

Irving’s mother named him after George Washington. Irving met his namesake at age 6, when George Washington was living in New York after his inauguration as President in 1789. The President blessed young Irving an encounter that Irving had commemorated in a small watercolor painting which continues to hang in his home.

Irving made his literary debut in 1802 with a series of observational letters to the *Morning Chronicle*, written under the pseudonym Jonathan Oldstyle. He temporarily moved to England for the family business in 1815 where he achieved fame with the publication of *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*, serialized from 1819–20. He continued to publish regularly throughout his life, and he completed a five-volume biography of George Washington just eight months before his death at age 76 in Tarrytown, New York.

An outbreak of yellow fever in Manhattan in 1798 prompted his family to send him upriver, where he stayed with his friend James Kirke Paulding in Tarrytown, New York. It was in Tarrytown he became familiar with the nearby town of Sleepy Hollow, New York, with its Dutch customs and local ghost stories. He made several other trips up the Hudson as a teenager, including an extended visit to Johnstown, New York where he passed through the Catskill Mountains region, the setting for “Rip Van Winkle”. “Of all the scenery of the Hudson”, Irving wrote, “The Catskill Mountains had the most witching effect on my boyish imagination”.

Irving began writing letters to the *New York Morning Chronicle* in 1802 when he was 19, submitting commentaries on the city’s social and theater scene under the pseudonym Jonathan Oldstyle. The name evoked his Federalist leanings and was the first of many pseudonyms he employed throughout his career. The letters bought Irving some early fame and moderate notoriety. Aaron Burr was a co-publisher of the *Chronicle*, and was impressed enough to send clippings of the Oldstyle pieces to his daughter Theodosia. Charles Brockden Brown made a trip to New York to try to recruit Oldstyle for a literary magazine he was editing in Philadelphia.

Concerned for his health, Irving’s brothers financed an extended tour of Europe from 1804 to 1806. He bypassed most of the sites and locations considered essential for the social development of a young man, to the dismay of his brother William who wrote that he was pleased that his brother’s health was improving, but he did not like the choice to “gallop through Italy... leaving Florence on your left and Venice on your right”. Instead, Irving honed the social and conversational skills that eventually made him one of the world’s most in-demand guests. “I endeavor to take things as they come with cheerfulness”, Irving wrote, “and when I cannot get a dinner to suit my taste, I endeavor to get a taste to suit my dinner”.

Irving returned from Europe to study law with his legal mentor Judge Josiah Ogden Hoffman in New York City.

By his own admission, he was not a good student and barely passed the bar examination in 1806. He began socializing with a group of literate young men whom he dubbed “The Lads of Kilkenny”, and he created the literary magazine *Salmagundi* in January 1807 with his brother William and his friend James Kirke Paulding, writing under various pseudonyms, such as William Wizard and Launcelot Langstaff. Irving lampooned New York culture and politics in a manner similar to today’s *Mad* magazine. *Salmagundi* was a moderate success, spreading Irving’s name and reputation beyond New York. He gave New York City the nickname “Gotham” in its 17th issue dated November 11, 1807, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “Goat’s Town”. Did you Batman fans know that?

Irving completed *A History of New-York from the Beginning of the World to the End of the Dutch Dynasty*, by *Diedrich Knickerbocker* (1809) while mourning the death of his 17-year-old fiancée Matilda Hoffman. It was his first major book and a satire on self-important local history and contemporary politics. Before its publication, Irving started a hoax by placing a series of missing person advertisements in New York newspapers seeking information on Diedrich Knickerbocker, a crusty Dutch historian who had allegedly gone missing from his hotel in New York City. As part of the ruse, he placed a notice from the hotel’s proprietor informing readers that, if Mr. Knickerbocker failed to return to the hotel to pay his bill, he would publish a manuscript that Knickerbocker had left behind.

Unsuspecting readers followed the story of Knickerbocker and his manuscript with interest, and some New York city officials were concerned enough about the missing historian to offer a reward for his safe return. Irving then published *A History of New York* on December 6, 1809 under the Knickerbocker pseudonym, with immediate critical and popular success. “It took with the public”, Irving remarked, “and gave me celebrity, as an original work was something remarkable and uncommon in America” The name Diedrich Knickerbocker became a nickname for Manhattan residents in general and was adopted by the New York Knickerbockers basketball team.

After the success of *A History of New York*, Irving searched for a job and eventually became an editor of *Analectic Magazine*, where he wrote biographies of naval heroes such as James Lawrence and Oliver Perry. He was also among the first magazine editors to reprint Francis Scott Key’s poem “Defense of Fort McHenry”, which was immortalized as “The Star-Spangled Banner”. Irving initially opposed the War of 1812 like many other merchants, but the British attack on Washington, D.C. in 1814 convinced him to enlist. He served on the staff of Daniel Tompkins, governor of New York and commander of the New York State Militia, but he saw no real action apart from a reconnaissance mission in the Great Lakes region. The war was disastrous for many American merchants, including Irving’s family, and he left for England in mid-1815 to salvage the family trading company. He remained in Europe for the next 17 years.



Steve Kirk



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Executive Director



Where and when did the words May Day become one word, Mayday, with an entirely different meaning? May Day was what the 1st day of May was referred to, signaling the beginning of spring activities. The May Pole and the maypole dance which originated as part of Germanic pagan

fertility rituals, were just a few of the things done on May Day during festivities of the day. Originally, the dancers danced around a living tree. Dancers usually performed this dance in the spring on May 1 or what is known as May Day. However, at some point May Day became an internationally recognized radio word to signal distress (“mayday, mayday, mayday”) used mostly by aircraft or boats.

Mayday first came into English in 1923. There was a lot of air traffic between England and France in those days, and evidently, there were enough international problems over the English Channel that both parties wanted to find a good distress signal that everyone would understand. Although there already was a distress signal, that everyone understood, it was a problem with telephone transmission. There was—S.O.S.—but there were some problems with it. In the early days of the telephone there was often difficulty distinguishing the letter “S”. SOS was most commonly used in telegraphic communications, where the unmistakable pattern of SOS in Morse code (...---...) was easy to remember and easy to decipher. Ships that were in distress used SOS predominantly. Aircraft, by comparison, used radio and not telegraph as their primary means of communication, and when in distress, a pilot would not have time to clarify to anyone listening that they meant S as in “Sam” and not

F as in “Frank.”

A short, easily understood word that could not be mistaken for something else was necessary. On February 2, 1923 The London Times reported in an article entitled “New Air Distress Signal” Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing the letter “S” by telephone, the international distress signal “S.O.S.” will give place to the words “May-day”, the phonetic equivalent of “M’aidez”, the French for “Help me.”

The Times article went on to say that the new distress call was tested by an RAF “flying-boat” whose engines had failed over the Channel. They gave the signal three times and said their engines had failed, and radio operators in Croydon and Lympne received and transferred the signal to Dover, which sent out help. It is believed that mayday was coined by Frederick Stanley Mockford, a senior radio officer in Croydon. The call spread well beyond the Channel; the new distress signal’s use was reported as far away as Singapore.

In 1927, the United States formally adopted it as an official radiotelegraph distress signal, explaining in Article 19 of their resolution that mayday corresponds “to the French pronunciation of the expression m’aider.” There is actually a correct way to make a mayday distress call. One should say “Mayday, mayday, mayday” and then give the name of the vessel or aircraft one is commanding and then give coordinates of the location of the vessel or aircraft. The distress call should be repeated three times and then the caller should say “over” to indicate the end of the distress call. The caller should then wait 30-60 seconds before calling out again.



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“This one is going to be really different” were the words Chapter Executive Director John DeMauro shared with me when I rolled into his office the morning of March 1, 2021. “The seminar is shorter and we are going to get a lot of information in a very short period of

time. What is usually two, six to eight hours of lectures over two days has been compacted into two days, three hours each day. Then, where we would usually make our way into the halls of congress and meet with either the congressional representative or their staff over a two-day period, we are going to spend two days, up to eight hours each day talking to them via video or audio conferences. And, in between meetings, we will discuss what worked and what didn't work and write down notes on what was said.” We will spend an hour or two strategizing and reviewing before and after each day's work. Sounds easy enough, does it not? Well, it was far from easy. It was intense and extremely tiring. By the end of day four, I was exhausted and ready for a long slumber, far from the reach of Washington DC. Yet, in those first two days, I heard enough to be prepared to talk to the congressional representatives from Central Florida and to someone from the office of at least one of our senators about some of the things that are very important to the future care of our chapter members. Things like, long-term care once we can no longer take care of ourselves or once our caregivers are not able to care for us. Things like, making sure that our representatives understand how important it is that the special care we receive from the VA must always be available to each of us. Things like, letting them know that the HISA grant needs to be increased to match the increasing cost of construction or that a once in a lifetime auto grant isn't enough and that we are seeking that to be changed to at the very least, once every ten years. Things like, requiring ALS members to have eight continuous years of a 100% disability rating before their spouse is qualified to

collect survival benefits is ridiculous and that it should be waived for those veterans with ALS.

I have to admit that after repeating the same things over and over again, for two days to 11 different people and answering the same questions multiple times, it gets tiresome. Somehow though, the more I shared the same stories and the same “pitch”, the more I began to realize that this is how it works in Washington DC and this is how we are going to be assured veterans with spinal cord injuries are going to be taken care of, not just today but tomorrow and every day afterwards. I realized that the benefits I have and those I have taken advantage of in the past, are a result of the work of others who did this work before me. I realized that someone has to keep pressing Congress to make sure VA does what it is supposed to do to care for our membership. I realized that the struggle that was in front of those who petitioned Congress for better equipment and better access and better mobility in years past, is still before us. Their efforts require us to stay the course and make sure Congress keeps the laws in place and passes additional laws that gives all catastrophically disabled veterans the quality care they require and deserve, in order to have the best possible quality of life. I also realized that although I was tired, I was a little proud of the fact that in this country a person confined to a wheelchair can reach into the highest level of government and have his voice heard. That for a couple of days the most important voice to be heard was mine. That our elected government officials have a responsibility to listen, act, and do the right thing. Our Chapter Executive Director told me “These things don't happen overnight. Sometimes it take years of petitioning our representatives to get things done but when it happens it is satisfying to know you had a small part in its accomplishment.”

Tim Wolfe



April Sports Update

(Virtual) National Veterans Wheelchair Games

Do you want to compete in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games but don't want to travel all the way to New York City? This year is the perfect opportunity to do it. The NVWG committee just announced that they have created an option to compete in some events from home. The sports that you can compete in include:

- Adaptive Fitness
- Adaptive E-Sports
- Air Rifle
- Bowling
- Cycling
- Powerlifting
- Swimming
- Trap Shooting

If you would like to join the PVA Central Florida team in virtual competition, please contact Sean Gibbs at SeanG@pvacf.org or call the PVACF office to learn more.

Sports Practices

Currently, PVACF has scheduled practices for

- Handcycling
- Boccia
- Air Rifle
- Field Events (Shot Put, Discus and Javelin)

Coming Soon:

- Bowling
- 9-ball
- Swimming

A reminder that PVACF has some of the equipment needed to practice NVWG events if you don't have what you need to achieve your goals. Please contact us to see how we might be able help you with equipment.

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Attention Please

Chapter members, we need your help. On May 15th we will hold our 7th Annual Jerry Dugan Memorial Charity Golf Tournament at the Metro West Golf Club in Orlando. Jerry was a faithful, dedicated member of the Central Florida Chapter for many years and served as its treasurer for multiple years, as well as treasurer of our National Organization. The Jerry Dugan Memorial Golf Tournament was started to both memorialize Jerry and help raise funds to support our chapter and the work the chapter does to support its membership. In the past six years, we have raised over \$171K to help fund things such as sending members and their caregivers to the National Veteran Wheelchair Games, purchasing adaptive sports equipment, hold annual holiday celebrations and annual spring flings for our members, their families and friends and supporters of our organization. The funds raised have assisted us in providing the necessary tools to advocate

for veterans benefits and bring awareness to our local community. They have help fund the expenses of providing a building for our members to meet and conduct business. They have helped support the staff in their work for our membership.

This one-day event is the most important fundraising event we hold each year. We have over 30 dedicated volunteers who help bring this event together and make it the successful event that it has become. Last year, despite the pandemic, we had 109 golfers participate and 35 volunteers helping. This year we expect close to 140 golfers and 30 volunteers to attend. We need you to be a part of this major event! Come and join us on Saturday May 15th and be a part of something special. Come and golf or volunteer. Give Joanne a call at the office at 407-328-7041 and ask her how you can join us this year. I am looking forward to seeing you there.



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2021 Bills (75)

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Date Foldered
HB 0071	Recognizing Veteran Suicide	Willhite	03/10/21	12/15/20 02:55PM
	Recognizing Veteran Suicide: Urges Congress to recognize veteran suicide & fully fund suicide prevention efforts by United States Department of Veterans Affairs. 12/15/20 HOUSE Filed			
	01/15/21	HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		
	01/15/21	HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee		
	02/09/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/16/21, 10:00 am, 404 H		
	02/16/21	HOUSE Favorable by Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	02/16/21	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee		
	03/08/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/10/21, 3:15 pm, 212 K		
	03/10/21	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/10/21	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading		
HB 0123	Carrying of Firearms Without Licenses	Sabatini	01/20/21	12/30/20 10:17AM
	Carrying of Firearms Without Licenses: Removes requirement that license to carry concealed firearm is required in order to carry such firearm; limits areas in which concealed carrying of firearm is prohibited; revises criminal penalties; revises provisions relating to carrying of concealed weapons by nonresidents; provides for issuance of concealed carry licenses for reciprocity purposes; specifies that person not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing firearm may own, possess, & lawfully use firearms & other weapons, ammunition, & supplies for lawful purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 12/28/20 HOUSE Filed			
	01/20/21	HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee		
	01/20/21	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee		
HB 0161	Judicial Nominating Commissions	Driskell	01/20/21	01/06/21 10:30AM
(S: 544)	Judicial Nominating Commissions: Revises composition of judicial nominating commissions; terminates terms of existing commission members; provides for new appointments & staggered terms; specifies prohibitions; requires appointing authorities to consider certain attributes in making appointments to ensure diversity; requires appointing authorities to collect certain data & specifies how data is to be released; provides conflict of interest parameters; requires commission member to complete educational course; prescribes requirements for course. Effective Date: July 1, 2021 01/05/21 HOUSE Filed			
	01/20/21	HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee; Public Integrity & Elections Committee; Judiciary Committee		
	01/20/21	HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee		
HB 0163	POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial	Giallombardo	03/10/21	01/06/21 10:29AM

(I: 416)	POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial : Establishes POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial; provides for funding & administration of memorial; directs DMS to designate space for memorial's construction & placement by specified date; requires DMS to consider recommendations of, & coordinate with, specified entities regarding memorial's placement & design. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 01/05/21 HOUSE Filed			
	01/20/21	HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		
	01/20/21	HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee		
	02/11/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Subcommittee, 02/18/21, 10:00 am, 404 H		
	02/18/21	HOUSE Favorable by Government Operations Subcommittee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	02/18/21	HOUSE Now in State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee		
	03/01/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/03/21, 1:00 pm, 102 H		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Favorable by State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee		
	03/08/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/10/21, 3:15 pm, 212 K - PCS		
	03/10/21	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/10/21	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		

SB 0172	Medical Marijuana Identification Cards for Service-disabled Veterans	Cruz	12/15/20	02/02/21 08:55AM
(C: 1411)	Medical Marijuana Identification Cards for Service-disabled Veterans; Prohibiting the Department of Health from charging a fee for the issuance, replacement, or renewal of an identification card for the medical use of marijuana for a service-disabled veteran or his or her caregiver if a specified form is included with the identification card application, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021 12/04/20 SENATE Filed			
	12/15/20	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Appropriations		

HB 0175	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs	Shoaf	01/20/21	01/06/21 10:41AM
(S: 508)	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs: Revises requirements of DOE's annual report on apprenticeship & preapprenticeship programs; provides DOE's duties relating to apprenticeship programs; revises membership of State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; provides that parents of public school students be informed of workforce education opportunities. Effective Date: July 1, 2021 01/06/21 HOUSE Filed			
	01/20/21	HOUSE Referred to Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Education & Employment Committee		
	01/20/21	HOUSE Now in Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee		

HB 0231	Services for Veterans and Their Families	Zika	03/08/21	01/13/21 11:44AM
(S: 260)	Services for Veterans and Their Families: Authorizes DVA to establish Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide behavioral health care referral & care coordination services for veterans & their families; authorizes DVA to contract with certain nonprofit entity to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants to provide such services; provides for statewide			

delivery of specified services by program teams; requires Florida 211 Network participants to collect program implementation data & submit such data to DVA; requires DVA to submit report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

- 01/13/21 HOUSE Filed
- 01/22/21 HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
- 01/22/21 HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
- 02/09/21 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/16/21, 10:00 am, 404 H
- 02/16/21 HOUSE Favorable by Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 02/16/21 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee
- 03/04/21 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/08/21, 1:00 pm, 404 H
- 03/08/21 HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 03/08/21 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

SB 0260	Services for Veterans and Their Families	Harrell	03/02/21	12/14/20 09:04AM
(S: 231)	<p>Services for Veterans and Their Families; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish the Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide behavioral health care referral and care coordination services for veterans and their families; requiring the department to contract with a certain nonprofit entity to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants to provide such services; requiring Florida 211 Network participants to collect program implementation data and to submit such data to the department; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021</p> <p>12/14/20 SENATE Filed</p> <p>12/21/20 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations</p> <p>01/25/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/02/21, 12:30 pm, 37 S</p> <p>02/02/21 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/03/21 SENATE Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs</p> <p>02/25/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 03/02/21, 4:00 pm, 37 S</p> <p>03/02/21 SENATE Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>03/02/21 SENATE Now in Appropriations</p>			

SB 0366	Educational Opportunities Leading to Employment	Hutson	03/05/21	12/22/20 01:49PM
(S: 791 1042) (C: 98 1505 1507)	<p>Educational Opportunities Leading to Employment; Revising the general duties of the Department of Education with regard to apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; revising the membership of the State Apprenticeship Advisory Council; providing that apprenticeship or preapprenticeship program sponsors are responsible for the selection and training of certain personnel, as approved by the department; encouraging specified entities to cooperate in developing and establishing apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that include career instruction, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021</p> <p>12/22/20 SENATE Filed</p> <p>01/11/21 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education;</p>			

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- 02/25/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 03/02/21, 4:00 pm, 412 K
- 03/02/21 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
- 03/04/21 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- 03/05/21 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

HB 0399	State Park Fee Discounts	Casello	03/11/21	01/25/21 09:09AM
(I: 1262)	<p>State Park Fee Discounts: Provides certain entrance passes for specified military members & veterans at no charge. Effective Date: July 1, 2021</p> <p>01/22/21 HOUSE Filed</p> <p>02/08/21 HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee</p> <p>02/08/21 HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee</p> <p>03/11/21 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 03/12/21, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)</p>			
SB 0408	Transportation Facility Designations/Veterans Honor Highway	Bradley	01/11/21	01/04/21 09:33AM
(I: 163)	<p>Transportation Facility Designations/Veterans Honor Highway; Providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in a specified county; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021</p> <p>01/04/21 SENATE Filed</p> <p>01/11/21 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations</p>			
SB 0416	POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial	Burgess	03/11/21	01/05/21 11:06AM
(I: 163)	<p>POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial; Establishing the POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial; directing the Department of Management Services to designate space for the memorial's construction and placement by a specified date; requiring the department to consider recommendations of, and coordinate with, specified entities regarding the memorial's placement and design, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> <p>01/05/21 SENATE Filed</p> <p>01/15/21 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules</p> <p>01/25/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/02/21, 12:30 pm, 37 S</p> <p>02/02/21 SENATE Favorable with CS by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/03/21 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed</p> <p>02/03/21 SENATE Reference to Governmental Oversight and Accountability removed; Remaining reference: Rules</p> <p>02/03/21 SENATE Now in Rules</p> <p>02/08/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/18/21, 9:00 am, 412 K</p> <p>02/18/21 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays</p> <p>02/18/21 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading</p> <p>03/08/21 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/21</p>			

	03/11/21	SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/18/21		
HB 0429	Purple Star Schools	Leamed	02/08/21	02/01/21 01:12PM
(C: 633 938)	Purple Star Schools: Requires DOE to establish Purple Star School Program; requires department to adopt certain procedures; requires department, in consultation with certain entities, to adopt program criteria; specifying minimum criteria; requires annual reporting. Effective Date: July 1, 2021			
	01/26/21	HOUSE Filed		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Referred to Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee; Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee; Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Now in Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee		
HB 0435	Veterans Employment and Training	Sirois	03/09/21	01/26/21 09:56AM
(I: 586)	Veterans Employment and Training: Directs Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as state's principal assistance organization under United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribes duties of corporation to facilitate administration of SkillBridge program. Effective Date: July 1, 2021			
	01/26/21	HOUSE Filed		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee; Public Integrity & Elections Committee; State Affairs Committee		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee		
	03/01/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/03/21, 10:00 am, 404 H		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Favorable by Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Now in Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee		
	03/05/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee, 03/09/21, 1:00 pm, 212 K		
	03/09/21	HOUSE Favorable by Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/09/21	HOUSE Now in Public Integrity & Elections Committee		
HB 0451	Speciality License Plates	Hage	03/10/21	01/26/21 03:41PM
(S: 958)	Speciality License Plates: Provides exception to requirement that specialty license plate annual use fees & interest earned from those fees be expended only in this state; directs DHSMV to develop Honor Flight license plate; provides for distribution & use of fees collected from sale of plates. Effective Date: October 1, 2021			
	01/26/21	HOUSE Filed		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee		
	02/08/21	HOUSE Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee		
	03/05/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee, 03/09/21, 1:00 pm, 404 H		
	03/09/21	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/10/21	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		

SB 0484	Combating Public Disorder	Burgess	02/12/21	01/07/21 10:59AM
(S: 1)	Combating Public Disorder; Authorizing a resident of a municipality to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if the governing body of the municipality makes a specified reduction to the operating budget of a municipal law enforcement agency; revising the prohibition on obstructing traffic by standing on the street, highway, or road; creating a cause of action against a municipality for obstructing or interfering with reasonable law enforcement protection during a riot or an unlawful assembly; prohibiting defacing, injuring, or damaging a memorial; requiring a person arrested for an unlawful assembly to be held in custody until first appearance, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			
	01/06/21	SENATE Filed		
	01/15/21	SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations		
	02/12/21	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 02/15/21, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)		
SB 0508	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs	Brandes	01/15/21	01/08/21 01:00PM
(S: 175)	Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs; Revising the requirements for the Department of Education's annual report on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs; revising and providing additional duties for the department relating to apprenticeship programs; specifying that apprenticeship program sponsors who meet certain conditions are eligible to receive direct reimbursements from the department for apprenticeship programs; expanding the rights of parents of public school students to include rights relating to workforce education opportunities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			
	01/08/21	SENATE Filed		
	01/15/21	SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations		
HB 0541	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Buchanan	03/03/21	01/29/21 08:46AM
(S: 922)	Veterans' Preference in Employment: Authorizes state & political subdivisions to waive certain postsecondary educational requirements for employment for certain servicemembers & veterans; revises list of positions that are exempt from veterans' preference requirements; requires each political subdivision to develop & implement veterans' recruitment plan; modifies point preferences given to veterans & their family members when numerically based selection process is used for hiring. Effective Date: July 1, 2021			
	01/28/21	HOUSE Filed		
	02/18/21	HOUSE Referred to Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Professions & Public Health Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		
	02/18/21	HOUSE Now in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee		
	03/01/21	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 03/03/21, 10:00 am, 404 H		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Favorable by Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays		
	03/03/21	HOUSE Now in Professions & Public Health Subcommittee		
SB 0544	Judicial Nominating Commissions	Thurston, Jr.	01/21/21	01/12/21 10:02AM
(S: 161)	Judicial Nominating Commissions; Revising the composition of judicial nominating commissions; prohibiting a commission member from serving more than two full terms; requiring appointing authorities to collect and release certain demographic data regarding commission members and applicants for commission membership; specifying circumstances under which a commission member may not vote on a matter and must disclose a conflict, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			

01/12/21 SENATE Filed

01/21/21 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Rules

02/01/21 HOUSE Filed

02/03/21 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 0562	Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities	Thurston, Jr.	01/21/21	01/12/21 10:03AM
(I: 593) (L: 564) (C: 595)	Medical Marijuana Retail Facilities; Prohibiting qualified physicians and caregivers from being employed by or having an economic interest in a medical marijuana retail facility; authorizing, rather than requiring, medical marijuana treatment centers to cultivate, process, transport, and dispense marijuana for medical use; prohibiting an individual or entity from being awarded more than one facility license; providing requirements for the transfer of ownership of a medical marijuana retail facility; prohibiting a medical marijuana retail facility from engaging in Internet sales; prohibiting medical marijuana retail facilities from being located within a specified distance from school properties, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law			
	01/12/21 SENATE Filed			
	01/21/21 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations			

SB 0586	Veterans Employment and Training	Wright	03/10/21	01/12/21 04:48PM
(I: 435)	Veterans Employment and Training; Directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as the state's principal assistance organization under the United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribing duties of the corporation to facilitate the administration of the SkillBridge program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			
	01/12/21 SENATE Filed			
	01/21/21 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations			
	02/22/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/01/21, 4:00 pm, 37 S			
	03/01/21 SENATE Favorable by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; 7 Years, 0 Nays			
	03/02/21 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism			
	03/04/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 03/09/21, 12:30 pm, 110 S			
	03/09/21 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 10 Years, 0 Nays			
	03/10/21 SENATE Now in Appropriations			

SB 0604	Dental Therapy	Brandes	01/28/21	01/13/21 02:11PM
(I: 961)	Dental Therapy; Authorizing Medicaid to reimburse for dental services provided in a mobile dental unit that is owned by, operated by, or contracted with a health access setting or another similar setting or program; requiring the chair of the Board of Dentistry to appoint a Council on Dental Therapy within a specified timeframe; authorizing a dental therapist under the general supervision of a dentist to administer local anesthesia and operate an X-ray machine, expose dental X-ray films, and interpret or read such films if specified requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			
	01/13/21 SENATE Filed			
	01/28/21 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations			

HB 0633	Purple Star Campuses	Maney	02/03/21	02/02/21 10:26AM
(S: 938) (C: 429)	Purple Star Campuses: Requires DOE to establish Purple Star Campus program; specifies program criteria for participating schools; authorizes department to establish additional program eligibility criteria; authorizes schools to partner with school districts to meet such criteria; requires department to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2021			

SB 0704	Entertainment Industry	Gruters	02/16/21	01/21/21 11:38AM
(I: 757)	Entertainment Industry; Creating the Film, Television, and Digital Media Targeted Rebate Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity under the supervision of the Commissioner of Film and Entertainment; requiring that film, television, and digital media projects being produced in this state meet specified criteria for rebate eligibility; requiring an applicant that receives funding to make a good faith effort to use existing providers of infrastructure or equipment in this state and to employ residents of this state; requiring the Florida Film and Entertainment Advisory Council to determine a score for each qualified project using specified criteria, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law			
	01/21/21 SENATE Filed			
	01/28/21 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations			
	02/08/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 02/15/21, 3:30 pm, 110 S			
	02/15/21 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 9 Years, 2 Nays			
	02/16/21 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development			

HB 0757	Film, Television, and Digital Media Targeted Rebate Program	Trabulsy	02/18/21	02/04/21 08:36AM
(I: 704)	Film, Television, and Digital Media Targeted Rebate Program: Creates Film, Television, & Digital Media Targeted Rebate Program within DEO; requires that film, television, & digital media projects being produced in this state meet specified criteria for rebate eligibility; requires DEO to disqualify project under certain circumstances; provides for liability & imposing civil & criminal penalties for applicant that submits fraudulent information; provides for expiration of program. Effective Date: upon becoming a law			
	02/03/21 HOUSE Filed			
	02/18/21 HOUSE Referred to Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee			
	02/18/21 HOUSE Now in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee			

SB 0764	Veterans Treatment Courts	Burgess	03/11/21	01/25/21 11:43AM
(S: 7023)	Veterans Treatment Courts; Authorizing certain courts to create and administer veterans treatment courts for specified purposes; providing standards for admission into a veterans treatment court program; specifying eligibility requirements for participation in the program; revising eligibility for certain pretrial programs to include certain individuals eligible to participate in a veterans treatment court; specifying applicability of the act to participants in certain court programs in existence as of a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021			
	01/25/21 SENATE Filed			
	01/28/21 SENATE Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Criminal Justice; Appropriations			
	03/07/21 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 03/08/21, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)			
	03/11/21 SENATE On Committee agenda - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 03/16/21, 3:30 pm, 37 S			

SB 0780	Health Care Licensure Requirements	Gainer	02/17/21	01/26/21 09:23AM
(I: 1097)	Health Care Licensure Requirements; Requiring certain physicians to submit specified information to the Department of Health to be exempt from specified licensure requirements; requiring the			

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