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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1530**

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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Day, Prince, Jones, Mitchell, Franklin, Lisk, Mielke, Ferguson, Nealey, Cantwell, Bray, Ludwig, Scott, Wynne, Betrozoff, Paris, Winsley and Brough).

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1            AN ACT Relating to the veterans' programs or charities; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 43.60A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.131  
3 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The department of veterans affairs is  
6 authorized to examine fund-raising activities in which charitable  
7 solicitations are made for veterans' programs or charities, and to  
8 issue orders prohibiting any person or organization from engaging in  
9 any activities that the department finds to be false, misleading, or  
10 deceptive. This authority is in addition to, and does not affect or  
11 impair, the authority of the secretary of state or the attorney general  
12 under chapter 19.09 RCW.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**            It is the intent of the legislature to  
14 begin the process of paying the debt of honor owed to Middle East

1 conflict veterans, and to ensure that this debt is eventually paid in  
2 full. The legislature finds that:

3 (1) Citizens of the state of Washington are rendering valuable  
4 active service in the armed forces of the United States in the Middle  
5 East conflict, and are fully deserving of the thanks, support, aid, and  
6 assistance of the United States and the state of Washington;

7 (2) The aid and assistance needed now and in the future by Middle  
8 East conflict veterans and their families and dependents, and owed to  
9 them as a debt of honor by the United States and the state of  
10 Washington, takes and will take many different forms and therefore it  
11 is both necessary and prudent for the state of Washington to  
12 immediately begin the process of identifying these needs and to  
13 commence planning ways and means to adequately and efficiently provide  
14 needed aid and assistance;

15 (3) The provision of aid and assistance to Middle East conflict  
16 veterans and their families and dependents is, in the first instance,  
17 the responsibility of the federal government and therefore the  
18 provision of such aid and assistance by the state of Washington is  
19 intended to supplement, and not to replace, the efforts of the federal  
20 government;

21 (4) In numerous cases aid and assistance is urgently required by  
22 Washington citizens on active duty in the Persian Gulf and their  
23 families and dependents, thus demanding immediate, material state  
24 action.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The office of Middle East veterans  
26 affairs is hereby created as a separate office within the department of  
27 veterans affairs. The director of the department shall immediately  
28 appoint a coordinator to manage the office of Middle East veterans

1 affairs, and shall assign such staff and resources to the office as  
2 shall be required to fully implement the intent of the legislature.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Upon appointment, the coordinator of the  
4 office of Middle East veterans affairs shall prepare a preliminary  
5 action plan for the office, taking into account the current needs for  
6 aid and assistance by Middle East conflict veterans and their families  
7 and dependents, the potential for encouraging the voluntary activities  
8 of private groups and individuals at minimal state expense, and the  
9 advisability of close cooperation with the United States department of  
10 defense, the United States department of veterans affairs, and other  
11 agencies of the federal government. The coordinator shall submit this  
12 action plan to the legislature for review within ninety days of the  
13 effective date of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The Middle East veterans affairs  
15 advisory council is hereby created to advise the governor, the  
16 department, and the coordinator of the office of Middle East veterans  
17 affairs. The advisory council shall consist of no more than fifteen  
18 and no less than five members appointed by and at the pleasure of the  
19 governor. Members shall receive no compensation for their services,  
20 but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses  
21 under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW  
23 to read as follows:

24 The office of Middle East veterans affairs and its powers and  
25 duties shall be terminated on June 30, 1996, as provided under section  
26 7 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 7.**   A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The following acts or part of acts, as now existing or hereafter  
4 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 1997:

- 5        (1) Section 2 of this act;
- 6        (2) Section 3 of this act;
- 7        (3) Section 4 of this act; and
- 8        (4) Section 5 of this act.

9        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 8.**        Sections 1 through 5 of this act are  
10 each added to chapter 43.60A RCW.

11        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 9.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
14 effect immediately.