

**SENATE BILL 5243**

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**By** Senators Rinehart, McCaslin, Madsen, Thorsness, Rasmussen, Oke and Conner.

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1            AN ACT Relating to the veterans affairs advisory committee; and  
2 amending RCW 43.60A.080.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.60A.080 and 1987 c 59 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) There is hereby created a state veterans affairs advisory  
7 committee which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and  
8 the director of the department of veterans affairs. The committee  
9 shall be composed of (~~fifteen~~) sixteen members to be appointed by the  
10 governor, and shall consist of two veterans at large, one of whom shall  
11 be a Vietnam era veteran; one representative of the Washington  
12 soldiers' home and colony at Orting; one representative of the  
13 Washington veterans' home at Retsil; and one representative of each of  
14 the following congressionally chartered veterans organizations:  
15 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans of World

1 War II, Korea and Vietnam, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order  
2 of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League, Paralyzed Veterans of  
3 America, Incorporated, American Ex-prisoners of War, Veterans of World  
4 War I, Gold Star Mothers, Submarine Veterans of World War II, and the  
5 Vietnam Veterans of America, Incorporated. The (~~eleven~~) twelve  
6 members representing each of the foregoing organizations shall each be  
7 chosen from three names submitted to the governor by each of the named  
8 organizations. The first members of the committee shall hold office as  
9 follows: Three members to serve two years; three members to serve  
10 three years; and three members to serve four years. The first members  
11 appointed to represent the soldiers' home and colony at Orting and the  
12 veterans' home at Retsil shall hold office for four years. Upon  
13 expiration of said original terms, subsequent appointments shall be for  
14 four years except in the case of a vacancy, in which event appointment  
15 shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term for which the  
16 vacancy occurs. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

17 (2) The state advisory committee shall have the following powers  
18 and duties:

19 (a) To serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the  
20 director on all matters pertaining to the department of veterans  
21 affairs;

22 (b) To acquaint themselves fully with the operations of the  
23 department and recommend such changes to the governor and the director  
24 as they deem advisable.

25 (3) Members of the state advisory committee shall receive no  
26 compensation for the performance of their duties but shall receive a  
27 per diem allowance and mileage expense according to the provisions of  
28 chapter 43.03 RCW.