## CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

## ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2095

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VETERANS--COUNSELING SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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JOE KING

Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1991 Yeas 43 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

Approved May 3, 1991

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2095** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON

Chief Clerk

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Governor of the State of Washington

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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives R. Johnson, McLean, Anderson, Jones, Kremen, Braddock, Valle, Wineberry, Franklin, Day, Pruitt, Rayburn, Roland, Spanel and Prentice; by request of Department of Veterans Affairs).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to counseling veterans and their dependents; adding
- 2 new sections to chapter 43.60A RCW; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The department of veterans affairs, to
- 5 the extent funds are made available, shall: (1) Contract with
- 6 professional counseling specialists to provide a range of direct
- 7 treatment services to war-affected state veterans and to those national
- 8 quard and reservists who served in the Middle East, and their family
- 9 members; (2) provide additional treatment services to Washington state
- 10 Vietnam veterans for post traumatic stress disorder, particularly for
- 11 those veterans whose post traumatic stress disorder has intensified or
- 12 initially emerged due to the war in the Middle East; (3) provide an
- 13 educational program designed to train primary care professionals, such
- 14 as mental health professionals, about the effects of war-related stress
- 15 and trauma; (4) provide informational and counseling services for the

- 1 purpose of establishing and fostering peer-support networks throughout
- 2 the state for families of deployed members of the reserves and the
- 3 Washington national guard; (5) provide for veterans' families, a
- 4 referral network of community mental health providers who are skilled
- 5 in treating deployment stress, combat stress, and post traumatic
- 6 stress.
- 7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department shall coordinate the
- 8 programs contained in section 1 of this act with the services offered
- 9 by the department of social and health services, local mental health
- 10 organizations, and the federal department of veterans affairs to
- 11 minimize duplication.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The department of veterans affairs shall
- 13 give priority in its counseling and instructional programs to treating
- 14 state veterans located in rural areas of the state, especially those
- 15 who are members of traditionally underserved minority groups, and women
- 16 veterans.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** The department of veterans affairs shall
- 18 design its post traumatic stress disorder and combat stress programs
- 19 and related activities to provide veterans with as much privacy and
- 20 confidentiality as possible and yet consistent with sound program
- 21 management.
- 22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
- 23 each added to chapter 43.60A RCW.
- 24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

- 1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
- 2 effect immediately.

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