

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1055**

Chapter 163, Laws of 2017

65th Legislature  
2017 Regular Session

OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERAN LEGAL ASSISTANCE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

Passed by the House April 17, 2017  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 11, 2017  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 4, 2017 1:11 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1055** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 4, 2017

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilduff, Muri, Haler, Shea, Appleton, Klippert, Lovick, Stokesbary, Stanford, Jinkins, Reeves, MacEwen, Koster, Hayes, Barkis, Kloba, Frame, Ormsby, Bergquist, Goodman, Gregerson, Young, Kirby, Fey, Slatter, Sawyer, and Tarleton; by request of Attorney General)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to pro bono legal services for military service  
2 members, veterans, and their families; and adding new sections to  
3 chapter 43.10 RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
6 appropriated for this specific purpose, there is hereby created an  
7 office of military and veteran legal assistance within the office of  
8 the attorney general for the purpose of promoting and facilitating  
9 civil legal assistance programs, pro bono services, and self-help  
10 services for military service members, veterans, and their family  
11 members domiciled or stationed in Washington state.

12            (2) For the purposes of sections 1 through 3 of this act, the  
13 following definitions apply:

14            (a) The term "service member" means an active or reserve member  
15 in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the  
16 national guard, coast guard, and armed forces reserves.

17            (b) The term "veteran" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
18 41.04.005 and 41.04.007.

19            (c) The term "family member" means the spouse or domestic  
20 partner, surviving spouse, surviving domestic partner, and dependent  
21 minor children under twenty-one years of age of a living or deceased

1 service member or veteran for whom the service member or veteran  
2 provided at least one-half of that person's support in the previous  
3 one hundred eighty days before seeking assistance of the programs and  
4 services authorized by this chapter.

5 (3) The attorney general may not directly provide legal  
6 assistance, advice, or representation in any context, unless  
7 otherwise authorized by law, and the attorney general may not provide  
8 legal assistance programs, pro bono services, or self-help services  
9 to a service member, veteran, or family member being criminally  
10 prosecuted.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The office of military and veteran legal  
12 assistance shall:

13 (1) Recruit and train volunteer attorneys and identify service  
14 programs willing to perform pro bono services for service members,  
15 veterans, and their family members, and create and maintain a  
16 registry of the same;

17 (2) Assess and assign requests for pro bono services to volunteer  
18 attorneys and service programs registered with the office; and

19 (3) Establish an advisory committee that will include, among  
20 others, representatives from legal assistance offices on military  
21 installations, the office of civil legal aid, the Washington state  
22 bar association's legal assistance to military personnel section, the  
23 Washington state veterans bar association, relevant office of  
24 military service and support organizations, and organizations  
25 involved in coordinating, supporting, and delivering civil legal aid  
26 and pro bono legal services in Washington state. The committee shall  
27 provide advice and assistance regarding program design, operation,  
28 volunteer recruitment and support strategies, service delivery  
29 objectives and priorities, and funding.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The attorney general may apply for and  
31 receive grants, gifts, donations, bequests, or other contributions to  
32 help support and to be used exclusively for the operations of the  
33 office of military and veteran legal assistance.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act are each  
35 added to chapter 43.10 RCW.

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