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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS'  
HOME

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: April 25, 2023

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Veterans)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-24-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-24 entitled "Rhode Island  
2 Veterans' Home" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-24-3. Administrator — Advisory council.**

4 (a) The director of veterans services shall appoint an administrator for the Rhode Island  
5 veterans' home who shall ~~be an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces~~  
6 [have been issued a nursing home administrator license pursuant to chapter 45 of title 5.](#)

7 (b) There shall be an advisory council for veterans' affairs, consisting of not more than  
8 fifteen (15) qualified electors of this state, ten (10) of whom shall be honorably discharged veterans  
9 of the armed forces of the United States; twelve (12) of the members shall be appointed by the  
10 governor, consisting of a member designated by each of the various state departments of the active  
11 federally chartered veteran organizations, and the remaining member or members at large;  
12 provided, however, that each of those departments of veteran organizations shall have, and continue  
13 to have, at least one member on the advisory council for veterans' affairs; and, provided further,  
14 that one member shall be a female veteran, one member shall be a minority veteran; one member  
15 of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and  
16 one member from the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate. The members of the  
17 general assembly who shall serve on the advisory council for veterans' affairs shall serve so long  
18 as they are members of the general assembly. The final remaining member shall be an active

1 National Guard person to be appointed by the state adjutant general.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would require that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be a  
2 licensed nursing home administrator and would remove the requirement that the administrator be  
3 an honorably discharged veteran.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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