

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1080

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO VETERANS; AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 48, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDI-
2 TION OF A NEW SECTION 48-603H, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RE-
3 GARDING VETERANS BENEFITS CONSUMER PROTECTIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABIL-
4 ITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 6, Title 48, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 48-603H, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 48-603H. VETERANS BENEFITS CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. (1) As used in this
11 section:

12 (a) "Compensation" means a payment of any money, thing of value, or fi-
13 nancial benefit.

14 (b) "Veterans benefits matter" means the preparation, presentation, or
15 prosecution of any claim affecting any person who has filed or expressed
16 an intent to file a claim for any benefit, program, service, commodity,
17 function, or status to which entitlement is determined under the laws
18 and regulations administered by the United States department of veter-
19 ans affairs, the United States department of defense, or the Idaho divi-
20 sion of veterans services pertaining to veterans, veterans' dependents
21 or survivors, or any other individual eligible for such benefit, pro-
22 gram, service, commodity, function, or status.

23 (2) (a) Except as permitted under federal law, no person shall re-
24 ceive compensation for preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising,
25 consulting, or assisting any individual with regard to any veterans
26 benefits matter before the United States department of veterans af-
27 fairs, the United States department of defense, or the Idaho division of
28 veterans services.

29 (b) No person shall receive compensation for referring any individual
30 to another person to prepare, present, prosecute, advise, consult, or
31 assist regarding any veterans benefits matter before the United States
32 department of veterans affairs, the United States department of de-
33 fense, or the Idaho division of veterans services.

34 SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared
35 to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such
36 provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason,
37 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of
38 this act.

1 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
2 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
3 July 1, 2025.