

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1273

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO VETERANS; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AMENDING SECTION
2 65-201, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; REPEALING SECTION
3 65-210, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE VETERANS HOME IN NORTHERN IDAHO; AND
4 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. IDAHO CODE CLEANUP -- LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent
8 of the Legislature to ensure that the state laws provided in Idaho Code are
9 streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best
10 serving the public health, safety, and welfare. In accordance with the Idaho
11 Code Cleanup Act, following comprehensive review, the Legislature has iden-
12 tified the provisions of this act as obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary.

13 SECTION 2. That Section 65-201, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
14 amended to read as follows:

15 65-201. DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES -- CREATION OF COMMISSION --
16 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS -- DISCONTINUANCE OF COMMISSION -- RECEIPT OF PROP-
17 erty. (1) There is hereby established in the department of self-governing
18 agencies the division of veterans services. The division shall be headed by
19 an administrator who shall be appointed by the governor from a nomination
20 list of eligible candidates for administrator submitted by the veterans
21 affairs commission. The administrator may be removed from office by the
22 governor only with the consent of the veterans affairs commission.

23 (2) There is hereby created an advisory commission to be known as the
24 Idaho veterans affairs commission to consist of five (5) persons, all of whom
25 shall be appointed by the governor of the state of Idaho. Said appointees
26 shall have had active service in any war or conflict officially engaged in by
27 the government of the United States and have been honorably discharged from
28 such service. No more than two (2) of said commission shall be residents of
29 the same judicial district of the state of Idaho. Upon the expiration of a
30 member's term, the subsequent appointment shall be made by the governor and
31 shall be for a term of three (3) years. Such subsequent terms shall expire
32 on the third Monday in January of the appropriate year. The governor shall
33 have power to fill any and all vacancies occurring in said commission. The
34 governor shall have the further full power to discontinue said commission
35 by proclamation whenever the governor determines that the government of the
36 United States, or the state of Idaho, shall have made adequate provision for
37 the care and assistance of honorably discharged and destitute veterans of
38 the armed forces.

39 ~~(3) All rights, title and interest in property, real and personal, held~~
40 ~~by the department of health and welfare for use in exercising the powers and~~
41 ~~duties transferred to the division of veterans services by chapter 59, laws~~

1 ~~of 2000, are hereby transferred to and vested in the division of veterans~~
2 ~~services.~~

3 SECTION 3. That Section [65-210](#), Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
4 repealed.

5 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
7 July 1, 2026.