

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1894: A bill for an act relating to veterans; requiring federal accreditation of veterans benefit services providers; prohibiting veterans benefit services providers from making a guarantee of veterans benefits; providing for remedies under the Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act; providing for civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 197.6091.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, lines 9 and 10, delete the new language

Page 2, line 25, delete "Federal accreditation and" and delete "(a) A person who provides" and insert "A person seeking to receive compensation in connection with veterans benefit services or veterans benefit appeal services must, before rendering services, memorialize the specific terms regarding how and when compensation will be calculated and paid in a written agreement signed by both parties. A person advising, assisting, or counseling an individual regarding a veterans benefit service or veterans benefit appeal service must not charge an initial or nonrefundable fee."

Page 2, delete lines 26 to 32

Page 3, delete lines 1 to 6

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.


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(Committee Chair)

March 12, 2025.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)