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A bill for an act

relating to veterans; establishing the Commanders Task Force; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[197.581] COMMANDERS TASK FORCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Commanders Task Force is established to advise the legislature, the governor, and the commissioner on matters pertaining to veterans and veterans' families.

Subd. 2. **Membership.** The task force must consist of the elected leaders from the following congressionally chartered veteran service organizations in Minnesota:

(1) The American Legion;

(2) American Veterans;

(3) Disabled American Veterans;

(4) Jewish War Veterans;

(5) Marine Corps League;

(6) Military Order of the Purple Heart;

(7) Paralyzed Veterans of America; and

(8) Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) The task force shall adopt standing rules and order of business for conducting regular meetings.

(b) The task force shall annually elect a chair and a vice-chair from among current task force members.

Subd. 4. **Duties.** The task force shall:

(1) advise the commissioner, the legislature, and the governor on matters relating to veterans, the families of veterans, and the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(2) serve as a liaison between state government and the organizations that make up the task force membership.

Subd. 5. **Compensation.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, members are not entitled to compensation, per diem, reimbursement for child care expenses, or other expense reimbursement from state funds.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 6, the task force shall not expire.