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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Division
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Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; establishing the Commanders Task Force; proposing coding
1.3 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

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

1.5 Section 1. [197.581] COMMANDERS TASK FORCE.

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

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

- 1.11 (1) The American Legion;
1.12 (2) American Veterans;
1.13 (3) Disabled American Veterans;
1.14 (4) Jewish War Veterans;
1.15 (5) Marine Corps League;
1.16 (6) Military Order of the Purple Heart;
1.17 (7) Paralyzed Veterans of America; and
1.18 (8) Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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