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Authority Clarification for Veteran Organization Collaboration

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

This bill would amend Minnesota Statute 196.22 to create clear authority for the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to partner with organizations that serve Veterans. This will allow the Commissioner to direct agency staff and non-monetary resources to assist in initiatives relating to food insecurity, homelessness and suicide prevention. Finally, it will allow MDVA to have more nimble responses to new issues that may become critical over time.

If enacted, the Commissioner will report annually to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Veterans Affairs Committees of the House and Senate about any activities or initiatives that occurred under this new section of law.

WHY IS THIS BILL IMPORTANT?

This bill is important to Minnesota Veterans and their families because in a time of tight state and federal fiscal resources, many of these Veteran serving non-profits are filling gaps and connecting with Veterans in ways that government sometimes cannot.

While there are various sections in statute and session law that can be interpreted to allow for this collaborative work, the department is seeking to add this new section into Chapter 196 to provide clarity both for MDVA and the various non-profits and other organizations dedicated to serving Veterans

HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BE BETTER OFF IF WE PASS THIS BILL?

Clear authority from the Minnesota Legislature will allow for a quicker reaction to emerging issues from the agency and allied organizations, Minnesota Veterans and their families' needs will be better met around issues such as food insecurity, homelessness, suicide prevention and more.

MINNESOTA VETERANS STATE BILL TRACKER

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs offers a state bill tracker. This trackers follows bills of interest to Veterans that have been introduced in the Minnesota Legislature.

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