

S.F. 1959 – Omnibus Veterans Art. 2 Policy Agreement

May 15, 2025

CR Section	Side by Side Page	Senate section	House section	Description	Comparison	Action
	R1	1	1	Conforming change related to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (MDVA) expanded read-only access to MAXIS for verifying eligibility for certain veterans programs. (SF refers to “Veterans Programs Division”; House refers generically to “veterans programs”)	Similar	Adopt House
	R1	-	2	Conforming change related to the proposal in House section 4 to provide five percent of an officer’s base pay as a pension offset for those activated for state active duty.	House only	Adopt
	R1	-	3	Conforming change related to the proposal in House section 4 to provide five percent of enlisted servicemember’s base pay as a pension offset for those activated for state active duty.	House only	Adopt
	R1	-	4	Adds five percent of servicemember base pay as a pension offset for those activated for state active duty.	House only	Adopt
	R1 – R4	2	5	Increases the maximum bonded indebtedness allowed for the State Armory Building Commission from \$15,000,000 to \$45,000,000.	Same	Adopt
	R4	3	6	Extends the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (MDVA) read-only access to MAXIS (SF refers to “Veterans Programs Division”; House refers generically to “veterans programs”; plus minor stylistic differences)	Similar	Adopt House
	R4	4	7	Updates statutes governing veterans burial provisions.	Same	Adopt
	R4-R5	5	8	Updates statutes governing veterans burial provisions.	Same	Adopt
	R5	6	9	Grants specified veterans benefits and privileges under Minnesota law to certain persons who served with secret guerilla units or other irregular forces in Laos. (House requires the Legislature to adopt criteria and protocol before MDVA can begin verifying status of certain SGU veterans, Senate requires MDVA to adopt the criteria and protocol without future acts from the Legislature; Senate provides that SGU veterans who received an award for their service are	Different	Adopt House (As amended by A-14)

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				automatically eligible for veteran status; plus stylistic differences)		
	R6	7	-	Requires county veterans service officers to assist veterans who live in another county if the veteran was unable to receive assistance in the veteran’s home county within two weeks of seeking an appointment	Senate only	Not adopted
	R6-R7	8	-	Increases the annual grant amount that can be made to the Minnesota Association of County Veterans Services Officers, and provides parameters for the use of a portion of the grant.	Senate only	Adopt
	R7-R8	9	10	Contains a conforming change related to the proposal in the next section to allow surviving spouses of service members who die as a result of their military service to continue to be eligible to use the service member’s education benefits even if the surviving spouse remarries	Same	Adopt House
	R8-R9	10	11	Allows surviving spouses of service members who die as a result of their military service to continue to be eligible to use the service member’s education benefits even if the surviving spouse remarries.	Similar	Adopt House
	R9	11	13	Establishes an advisory task force to develop criteria and a protocol for the commissioner of veterans affairs to determine a person’s eligibility for status as a veteran of the secret guerilla units and irregular forces in Laos (Senate has 9 members to House’s 12; House directs the TF to analyze a broader set of issues than Senate; Senate requires the task force to present its report to MDVA, House requires task force to present its report to the Legislature; plus stylistic differences)	Different	Adopt House (As modified by A-14)
	R11	12	12	Requires the commissioner of administration to place a memorial plaque in the court of honor on the State Capitol grounds to recognize the service and sacrifices of Minnesota’s Gold Star and Blue Star families. (House version contains a purpose statement and codifies the language.)	Similar	Adopt Senate (plus House purpose statement)