

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 171

BY SENATOR FOIL

SUNSET LAW. Re-creates the Department of Veterans Affairs. (6/30/22)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 49:191(13) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(10)(i), relative to the Department of Veterans Affairs; to provide for re-creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30, 2022, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2027, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that

1 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

2 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities;
4 phase-out period for statutory entities; table of dates

5 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
6 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
7 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
8 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
9 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

10 * * *

11 **(13) July 1, 2026:**

12 **The Department of Veterans Affairs and all statutory entities made a**
13 **part of the department by law.**

14 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(10)(i) is hereby repealed.

15 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2022; if vetoed by the
16 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
17 June 30, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument was prepared by Matt Deville. The following digest,
which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that the Department of Veterans Affairs and all statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2022, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2023, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2022, for a four-year period, in accordance with the "sunset" law. Supersedes provisions of the "sunset" law setting out the procedure for review and re-creation and requiring a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department.

Effective June 30, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(13); repeals R.S. 49:191(10)(i))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical correction.