

## Legislation ending 2020

Barstow Veterans Home: The State budget that was passed in June provided a process that must be followed by CalVet in determining the fate of the Barstow Veterans Home. Part of the process called for stakeholder input. There was a CalVet stakeholder call last month which we monitored on behalf of our clients. CalVet will release the findings of the community input in early 2021.

More info on legislation text, analyses, votes, etc. at: For more information on these bills such as the language, amendments, votes, history, and committee analyses, go to:  
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml> Legislation the CSCVC took positions on in 2020:

- Some bills began in 2019 and became 2-year bills.
- “Failed Deadline” status means the bill died because it did not move through the process by the legislative deadlines. This year, it was mostly because legislators were asked to shelve their bills that did not address the pandemic crisis.
- “Approved by the Governor” status means that the bill has been signed in to law and will take effect January 1 unless stated otherwise in the bill’s language.
- “Vetoed” status means the Governor did not sign the bill and it will not become law.
- “Chapered by the Secretary of State” status means that a Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) or Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) was passed by the Legislature and sent directly to the Secretary of State for official posting. The Governor’s signature is not required on SCR’s and ACR’s.

AB 160 (Voepel R) Employment policy: voluntary veterans’ preference. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). Position Support

AB 232 (Cervantes D) Veteran suicides: report and recommendations. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13) Position Support

**AB 240** (Irwin D) Veterans’ homes: lease of property. Status: 9/11/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chapered by Secretary of State - Chapter 61, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Current law establishes the Veterans’ Home of California system for the operation of veterans’ homes at various sites. Current law sets forth the duties of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding the administration and regulation of veterans’ homes. Current law authorizes the Director of General Services to lease or let any real property held by the department for a home, as specified, to any entity or person upon terms and conditions determined to be in the best interests of the home. This bill would prohibit a lease or let from exceeding 5 years, unless the lessee is a local government or a nonprofit organization that provides services exclusively for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families, or the contract for the lease was executed before January 1, 2021. Position Support

AB 345 (Muratsuchi D) Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas: regulation of operations. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18).. Position Oppose

**AB 408** (Frazier D) Vehicles: disabled veterans.: 9/9/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chapered by Secretary of State - Chapter 42, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Would require the Department of Motor

Vehicles to accept a certificate from a county veterans service officer or the Department of Veterans Affairs that certifies that the applicant for a special license plate or placard is a disabled veteran.  
Position Support

AB 694 (Irwin D) Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2022. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 1258 (Salas D) Personal income taxes: exclusion: servicemembers. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 1376 (Ramos D) Civil service: veterans' preference: background checks. Status: 8/21/2020-Failed  
Position Support

**AB 1588** (Gloria D) Drinking water and wastewater operator certification programs. Status: 10/11/2019-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 760, Statutes of 2019. Summary: Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a water treatment operator certificate and water distribution operator certificate by reciprocity to any person holding a valid, unexpired, comparable certification issued by another state, the United States, prescribed territories or tribal governments, or a unit of any of these. Current law requires the board to classify types of wastewater treatment plants for the purpose of determining the levels of competence necessary to operate them. This bill would require the board to evaluate opportunities to issue a water treatment operator certificate or water distribution operator certificate by reciprocity, or a wastewater certificate by examination waiver, to persons who performed duties comparable to those duties while serving in the United States military, as specified. Position Support

AB 1809 (Cervantes D) Disabled veteran business enterprises. Status: 8/21/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 1935 (Voepel R) Veterans: mental health. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 2046 (Voepel R) Family law: child support. Status: 9/28/2020-Vetoed by Governor. Position Support

**AB 2192** (Committee on Veterans Affairs) Governor's Military Council. Status: 9/11/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 74, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Current law establishes the Governor's Military Council that advises the Governor on efforts to retain military installations and operations within the state. Members of the council are appointed by the Governor and include bipartisan representatives from both houses of the Legislature, as specified. Current law repeals the law establishing the council on January 1, 2021. This bill would extend that repeal date to January 1, 2026. Position Support

AB 2380 (Choi R) Income taxation: exclusion: military survivor benefits. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 2494 (Choi R) Postsecondary education: course credit for prior military education, training, and service. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 2549 (Salas D) Department of Consumer Affairs: temporary licenses. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed  
Deadline Position Support

AB 2613 (Obernolte R) Driver's licenses: veteran designation. Status: 5/29/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

AB 2688 (Cervantes D) Veterans: veterans service officers. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

AB 2918 (Salas D) Suicide prevention: military. Status: 5/29/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

AB 3045 (Gray D) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

**AB 3137** (Voepel R) Community colleges: California College Promise: members of the Armed Forces of the United States. Status: 9/28/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 226, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Would require that a student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as defined, and is called to duty as specified, may withdraw from participation in the California College Promise and resume participation in the program upon the student's return from duty without losing eligibility for the fee waiver or any other benefit of the program. The bill would also provide that the time during which the student was obliged to withdraw because of active duty shall not count toward the limit of the period of that student's eligibility for participation in the California College Promise. Position Support

AB 3300 (Santiago D) Homelessness: California Access to Housing and Services Act. Status: 8/18/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support if Amended

**AB 3371** (Committee on Veterans Affairs) Veteran suicides: report. Status: 9/11/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 77, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Current law requires the State Department of Public Health to implement an electronic death registration system and to access data within the system to compile a report on veteran suicide in California that includes information on the veterans' ages, sexes, races or ethnicities, and methods of suicide. Current law requires the department to provide that report annually to the Legislature and the Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require that report to include information on the counties of residence of the veterans, and would authorize the report to include additional information. Position Support

ACA 9 (Voepel R) Veterans Support Stabilization Account. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline. Support

ACR 37 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva Memorial Bridge. Status: 7/11/2019-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 121, Statutes of 2019 Summary: This measure would designate the Alamo River Bridge on the Evan Hewes Highway (State Route 115) at the entry to the City of Holtville, California, as the Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs. Position Support

**SB 222** (Hill D) Discrimination: veteran or military status. Status: 10/8/2019-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 601, Statutes of 2019. Summary: Would state findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding the importance of housing for veterans and its priority, and declare that housing discrimination on the basis of veteran or military status is against public policy. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws. Position Support

**SB 245** (Chang R) Public animal shelters: adoptions: veterans. Status: 8/30/2019-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 205, Statutes of 2019. Summary: Would prohibit a public animal shelter from charging an adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat presents to the public animal shelter a current and valid driver's license or identification card with the word "VETERAN" printed on its face pursuant to the above described provision. The bill also would authorize a public animal shelter to limit the number of dogs and cats adopted from that public animal shelter by an eligible veteran to one dog and cat each 6-month period. Position Support

SB 500 (Morrell R) Veterans: education. Status: 8/21/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

**SB 562** (Morrell R) Property taxation: exemption: principal residence: veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

**SB 588** (Archuleta D) Public contracts: Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program. Status: 9/11/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 80, Statutes of 2020. Summary: Under current law, the Department of General Services, except in the case of contracts for professional bond services, is the administering agency of the California Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Program, which requires state agencies and all other state entities contracting for materials, supplies, equipment, alteration, repair, or improvement to have at least 3% participation goals for disabled veteran business enterprises (DVBEs), as defined. Current law requires an awarding department, upon completion of an awarded contract for which a commitment to achieve a DVBE goal was made, to require the prime contractor that entered into a subcontract with a DVBE to certify to the awarding department specified information relating to amounts paid under the contract, as specified. This bill would require an awarding department, on a contract entered into on or after January 1 2021, to withhold \$10,000, or the full payment if it is less than \$10,000, from the final payment on a contract until that certification is received by the awarding department. Position Support

**SB 644** (Glazer D) Tenancy: security deposit: service members. Status: 10/8/2019-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 602, Statutes of 2019. Summary: Current law regulates the terms and conditions of residential tenancies, and prohibits a landlord from demanding or receiving security for a rental agreement for residential property, however denominated, in an amount or value in excess of an amount equal to 2 months' rent, in the case of unfurnished residential property, and an amount equal to 3 months' rent, in the case of furnished residential property, in addition to any rent for the first month paid on or before initial occupancy. This bill, notwithstanding that provision and as specified, would prohibit a landlord from demanding or receiving security from a service member who rents residential property in which the service member will reside in an amount or value in excess of an amount equal to one months' rent, in the case of unfurnished residential property, or in excess of an amount equal to 2 months' rent, in the case of furnished residential property, as specified. Position Support

SB 663 (Jones R) Property taxation: exemptions: veterans' organizations. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline Position Support

SB 725 (Rubio D) Veterans rental housing. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline Position Support

**SB 907** (Archuleta D) Child abuse or neglect investigation: military notification. Status: 9/28/2020-**Approved** by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 233, Statutes of 2020. Summary:

Would require a county child welfare department investigating a case of child abuse or neglect to determine if the parent or guardian is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The bill would authorize the county child welfare department to develop and adopt memoranda of understanding with military installations that would govern the investigation of allegations of child abuse or neglect against active duty service members, as specified. The bill would specify that these provisions do not limit or change the responsibilities of a county child welfare department with respect to investigations of, or responses to, allegations of abuse or neglect. Position Support

SB 1007 (Hueso D) Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services: retirement pay. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline . Position Support

SB 1018 (Chang R) Veterans: Governor's Memorial Certificate. Status: 5/29/2020-Failed Deadline Position Support

SB 1071 (Wilk R) Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services: retirement pay. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

SB 1177 (Jones R) Veterans' Home of California system. Status: 8/14/2020-Failed Deadline. Position Support

SB 1324 (Allen D) Professional licenses. Status: 5/29/2020-Failed Deadline . Position Support

SJR 7 (Glazer D) Military and veterans. Status: 6/24/2019-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 102, Statutes of 2019 Summary: This measure would urge the United States Congress to act favorably in regard to legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Merrill's Marauders. Position Support

SJR 9 (Archuleta D) Military and veterans. Status: 8/31/2020-Failed Deadline

Position Support

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- Watch Video on demand: <http://www.calchannel.com/video-on-demand/>
- Bill info, votes, Committee Analysis: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

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