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AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; CREATING THE INTERIM MILITARY
AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. CREATION OF INTERIM MILITARY AND VETERANS'
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE--MEMBERS--APPOINTMENT--TERMS--VOTING.--

A. There is created a joint interim committee of
the legislature to be called the "military and veterans'
affairs committee". The committee shall function from the
date of its appointment until the second session of the
forty-ninth legislature. The committee shall be composed of
eight voting members.

B. The New Mexico legislative council shall
appoint four members from the house of representatives and
four members from the senate. At the time of making the
appointment, the New Mexico legislative council shall
designate the chair and vice chair of the committee. Members
shall be appointed so as to give the two major political
parties in each house the same proportionate representation
on the committee as prevails in each house; provided that in
no event shall either of the parties have less than one
member from each house on the committee.

C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
majority of the total membership from either house on the

1 committee rejects such action.

2 Section 2. DUTIES OF THE MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
3 COMMITTEE--STAFF--SUBCOMMITTEES--REPORTING.--

4 A. The military and veterans' affairs committee
5 shall conduct meetings in several geographically dispersed
6 areas of the state and shall conduct hearings relating to
7 military issues and veterans' issues. The committee shall
8 make an annual report and recommend any necessary legislation
9 to each session of the legislature. The committee shall also
10 make legislative recommendations to the federal congress and
11 regulatory recommendations to the United States department of
12 veterans affairs and the United States department of defense.

13 B. The staff for the committee shall be provided
14 by the legislative council service.

15 C. Subcommittees shall be created only by majority
16 vote of all members appointed to the committee and with the
17 prior approval of the New Mexico legislative council. A
18 subcommittee shall be composed of at least one member from
19 the senate and one member from the house of representatives,
20 and at least one member of the minority party shall be a
21 member of the subcommittee. All meetings and expenditures of
22 a subcommittee shall be approved by the full committee in
23 advance of the meeting or expenditure, and the approval shall
24 be shown in the minutes of the committee.

25 D. The committee shall make a report of its

1 findings and recommendations for the consideration of each
2 session of the legislature. The report and suggested
3 legislation shall be made available to the New Mexico
4 legislative council on or before December 15 preceding each
5 session. _____

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