

Weekly Veterans Legislation Update 03-14-2026

NEW House Bill No. 8295

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER (Create an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

{LC6106/1}

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7781

BY Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Alzate, Morales, Kislak, Tanzi, Donovan, Potter, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.)

{LC4793/1}

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

Tuesday, 03/17/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 135 @ Rise of the House

House Bill No. 7986

BY Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.)

{LC4305/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

Thursday, 03/19/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 135 @ Rise of the House

House Bill No. 8026

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Repeals the Tiverton tax credit for totally disabled veterans and includes a veteran's unmarried widow or widower for a tax credit in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) or greater.)

{LC5732/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Tuesday, 03/17/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 135 @ Rise of the House

Senate Bill No. 2700

(By Request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC5409/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 2175

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Raises the gross weight of a vehicle eligible for reserve forces plates from 8,500 lbs. to 12,000 lbs. with US flag on the plates. Proof of honorable discharge to be provided to DMV.)

{LC4235/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2177

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

{LC4232/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2183

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Eliminates the registration and service charge fees for National Guard plates.)

{LC4238/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2184

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC4237/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2414

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse
or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)**

{LC4568/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2418

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected
disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)**

{LC4214/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2420

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Urso,
Dimitri

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good
standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)**

{LC4301/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2753

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Felag, Euer, Kallman, Appollonio, Morgan, Murray, Zurier, Britto

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE
ISLAND VETERANS HOME STAFFING SUPPORT ACT OF 2026 (Creates The Rhode Island
Veterans Home Staffing Support Act of 2026.)**

{LC5346/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Resolution No. 2754

BY Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo

**ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT**

{LC5905/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2756

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

{LC5878/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2916

BY Thompson, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)

{LC5829/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/09/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/12/2026)

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2996

(National Guard)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

{LC5436/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 3001

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF VETERANS (Provides that certain Hmong or Lao veterans who served honorably in military operations in support of the United States as special guerrilla units be granted burial rights at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery.)

{LC4233/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/11/2026)

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Respectfully Submitted,

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