

Senate Bill 21

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Walker III of the 20th, Ginn of the 47th, Tillery of the 19th and others

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 38-4-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 creation of Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., purpose, operation, and reporting, so
3 as to revise operations; to provide for related matters, to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 38-4-14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of
8 Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., purpose, operation, and reporting, is amended
9 by revising subsection (b) as follows:

10 "(b)(1) The purpose of the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., shall be to actively
11 seek supplemental funds and in-kind goods, services, and property to promote Georgia's
12 state war veterans' homes and veterans' cemeteries and for any other purpose of the
13 Veterans Service Board. Funds received by the foundation may be conveyed to the
14 Department of Veterans Service or awarded through a competitive grant process
15 administered by the Veterans Service Board.

16 (2) The Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., shall be governed by a board of
17 directors ~~composed of~~ comprising between seven and thirteen persons, who shall not be

18 the same individuals as the currently serving members of the Veterans Service Board,
19 who shall be appointed by the commissioner of veterans service, subject to the approval
20 of the Veterans Service Board. ~~Persons appointed to the board of directors~~ At least four
21 of the persons appointed to the board of directors shall have honorably served not less
22 than three months in the armed forces of the United States or two years in a reserve or
23 National Guard component of the armed forces of the United States. The members of the
24 board of directors shall serve for ~~seven-year~~ three-year terms that shall be staggered ~~such~~
25 ~~that one member completes a term each year.~~ The members may succeed themselves on
26 the board of directors one time and thereafter may be reappointed to additional terms
27 following a three-year interval after completion of any second consecutive term.

28 (3) The board of directors shall meet at least ~~one time each year~~ quarterly to conduct the
29 business of the Georgia Veterans Service Foundation, Inc. The board of directors shall
30 annually elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, and a
31 treasurer.

32 (4) The ~~board of directors~~ commissioner of veterans service shall appoint a chief
33 executive officer, a chief operating officer, and a chief financial officer of the Georgia
34 Veterans Service Foundation, Inc., from individuals who are employees of the
35 Department of Veterans Service, excluding the commissioner of veterans service, who
36 shall serve in these capacities without compensation but who shall be entitled to
37 reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred from the Georgia Veterans Service
38 Foundation, Inc., for performing their duties under this Code section."

39 **SECTION 2.**

40 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.