



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1046 Printer's No. 1357

Prime Sponsor: Vulakovich
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

SYNOPSIS:

Standardizes the process for promotion on the retired list of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

SUMMARY:

SB 1046 would amend Title 51 (Military Affairs)/Section 2313 (Retired Pennsylvania National Guard Personnel) by codifying the standards for the promotion and to ensure compliance with U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force uniform regulations. The bill would:

1. Require a recommendation from the next higher level within the eligible retiree's chain of command rather than being an automatic promotion if applied for.
2. Add a requirement that applicants have served "honorably and with distinction."
3. Stipulate that the application for promotion be in accordance with applicable regulations and stipulate that the Adjutant General retain final approval authority.
4. Stipulate that when computing "period of service," Pennsylvania National Guard service that counts as double time due to active duty may only be calculated for and applied in the determination of the required years of service in the Pennsylvania National Guard.
5. Stipulate that retired officers and enlisted personnel are entitled to wear the uniform and rank insignia of their federally recognized grade on all proper military and semi-military occasions.
6. Require the Adjutant General to promulgate regulations for this section.

Effective Date: 60 Days

BILL HISTORY:

This is the first session this legislation has been introduced. This legislation is supported by the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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