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HOUSE BILL

1256-FN

AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

SPONSORS: Rep. Allard, Merr. 21; Rep. Roy, Rock. 32; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Renames the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and establishes duties and salary classifications for that office.

II. Alters the list of positions the adjutant general nominates for appointment.

III. Renames the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs and establishes the salary classification for that office.

IV. Makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund.

V. Increases the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services and makes an appropriation thereof.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 322:1 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire State Veterans
2 Cemetery; Director of the State Veterans Cemetery. Amend RSA 110-B:74 to read as follows:

3 110-B:74 ~~[Operation and Maintenance. The adjutant general shall administer the operation and~~
4 ~~maintenance of the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery which shall be located in Boscaawen, New~~
5 ~~Hampshire.]~~ ***Director of the State Veterans Cemetery. The state veterans cemetery, shall be under the***
6 ***direction of an unclassified director of the state veterans cemetery who shall be qualified to hold that***
7 ***position by reason of education and experience.***

8 322:2 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire State Veterans
9 Cemetery; Cemetery Director. Amend RSA 110-B:76 to read as follows:

10 110-B:76 Cemetery [Superintendent] ***Director.*** ~~[The adjutant general shall designate a cemetery~~
11 ~~superintendent who shall arrange for personnel, material, and equipment within the limits of appropriated~~
12 ~~funds and in accordance with the regulations and procedures adopted in accordance with RSA 110-B:8-a,~~
13 ~~and approved by the governor and council.]~~ ***The cemetery director shall:***

14 ***I. Serve as chief coordinator for all interment operations of the New Hampshire state veterans***
15 ***cemetery, and utilize knowledge of cemetery operations and interpersonal skills to implement procedures***
16 ***to ensure dignity and professionalism of executing burial activities.***

17 ***II. Coordinate with funeral directors, members of the clergy and family members to schedule and***
18 ***ensure proper funeral arrangements.***

19 ***III. Establish and implement New Hampshire state veterans cemetery policies and procedures***
20 ***and exercises decision making authority over operational functions.***

21 ***IV. Manage all facilities, utilities, and equipment in support of cemetery operations.***

22 ***V. Manage and supervise personnel to assure compliance in the implementation of standard***
23 ***operating procedures for the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery.***

24 ***VI. Compile, analyze, and manage the preparation of federal grants (generating revenue to the***
25 ***state); ensuring departmental compliance of federal guidelines on an ongoing basis.***

26 ***VII. Interact with senior officials of the New Hampshire department of military affairs and veterans***
27 ***services, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, architects, federal officials, and representatives of***

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1 *other state agencies in coordinating the preparation of cemetery work programs, budgets, and purchasing*
2 *to further the financial, operational, and ceremonial functions of the cemetery.*

3 *VIII. Compile, analyze, and manage the preparation of periodic reports to provide information*
4 *concerning cemetery activities to the administrator III, deputy adjutant general; and adjutant general.*

5 *IX. Serve as liaison to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association, Inc. and various*
6 *committees and boards, and interact with senior legislators and heads of state veterans organizations.*

7 *X. Participate in community outreach by attending various military and veteran related functions*
8 *and/or meetings around the state.*

9 322:3 Director of the State Veterans Cemetery; Salary.

10 I. The salary of the director of the state veterans cemetery shall be determined after assessment
11 and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for the position which
12 shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon completion of this action and
13 appointment of the director of the state veterans cemetery, position number 19892 shall be abolished to
14 allow for the transition of this classified position with its available appropriations into the unclassified
15 position of director of the state veterans cemetery. Funding shall be transferred into a new expenditure
16 class number 011, within accounting unit 02-12-12-121010-2260. The incumbent in the abolished
17 classified position shall be offered the opportunity to seek the adjutant general's nomination for the
18 unclassified position of director of the state veterans cemetery.

19 II. The amendment to RSA 110-B:74 shall take effect upon the abolition of position number
20 19892 under paragraph I, as certified by the commissioner of administrative services to the secretary of
21 state and the director of legislative services.

22 322:4 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Composition of Veterans Services;
23 Nominations by Adjutant General. Amend RSA 110-B:83 to read as follows:

24 110-B:83 Composition of Veterans Services.

25 I. Veterans services shall be divided into 3 classes, namely the division of veterans services, the
26 state veterans cemetery, and the division of community based military programs. Additionally there will
27 be 2 advisory bodies, namely the veterans council and the military leadership team.

28 II. The division of veterans services shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or their
29 dependents to secure all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal
30 laws or regulations.

31 III. The state veterans cemetery shall provide and maintain a dignified final-resting place to honor
32 all veterans and eligible dependents which expresses the state's gratitude for their service to the country.

33 IV. The division of community based military programs shall collaborate, coordinate, and
34 communicate with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire
35 veterans, service members, and their families.

36 V. The military leadership team and veterans council shall serve as advisory bodies and shall
37 provide advice and guidance to the adjutant general regarding the delivery of services to veterans and
38 military service members and their families.

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1 ***VI. The adjutant general shall nominate for appointment by the governor, with the consent of the***
2 ***council, the deputy adjutant general, the director of the division of veterans services, the director of the***
3 ***division of community based military programs, and the director of the state veterans cemetery.***

4 322:5 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Division of Community Based Military
5 Programs. Amend RSA 110-B:88 to read as follows:

6 110-B:88 Division of Community Based Military Programs. The division of community based military
7 programs, ***shall be*** under the supervision of an [administrator] ***unclassified director of the division*** of
8 community based military programs ***who shall be qualified to hold that position by reason of education and***
9 ***experience. The director*** shall facilitate military and civilian partnerships by collaborating, coordinating,
10 and communicating with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire
11 veterans, service members, and their families. The [administrator] ***director*** shall ***be responsible for the***
12 ***following functions in accordance with applicable law.***

13 I. Develop and implement innovative, effective, and sustainable provider engagement projects to
14 increase education, outreach, and engagement with military-access resources.

15 II. Integrate military and civilian community and coalition networks and strengthen military-civilian
16 community supports by integrating those supports into civilian structures.

17 III. Advocate for federal and state funding to target system changes to improve services.

18 IV. Ensure cost efficiency through decreased overlap, service redundancy and increased service
19 fidelity.

20 V. Co-develop and provide oversight for New Hampshire's care coordination, including services
21 and supports addressing substance misuse, homelessness, suicide prevention, mental health, sexual
22 military trauma, unemployment, domestic violence, education, and legal support.

23 VI. Authorize, evaluate, and monitor the administration of federal and state grants.

24 VII. Initiate and facilitate state planning processes to improve access, navigation, and
25 coordination of military-civilian services and support.

26 VIII. Compile and analyze program statistics and metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the
27 system of care, initiatives and special projects, including the efforts of legislative, statewide, and
28 community coalitions across the state.

29 322:6 Division of Community Based Military Programs; Director; Salary.

30 I. The salary of the director of the division of community based military programs shall be
31 determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-
32 a, I(b) for the position which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon
33 completion of this action and appointment of the director of the state division of community based military
34 programs, position number 41032 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of this classified position
35 with its available appropriations into the unclassified position of director of the division of community
36 based military programs. Funding shall be transferred into a new expenditure class number 011, within
37 accounting unit 02-12-12-121010-1015. The incumbent in the abolished classified position shall be
38 offered the opportunity to seek the adjutant general's nomination for the unclassified position of director of
39 the division of community based military programs.

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1 II. The amendment to RSA 110-B:74 shall take effect upon the abolition of position number
2 41032 under paragraph I, as certified by the commissioner of administrative services to the secretary of
3 state and the director of legislative services.

4 322:7 State Regenerative Manufacturing Workforce Development Fund; Appropriation. The sum of
5 \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is hereby appropriated to the state regenerative
6 manufacturing workforce development fund established in RSA 162-T:3. This appropriation shall be
7 nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury
8 not otherwise appropriated.

9 322:8 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance
10 Services. The department of health and human services shall increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate
11 for ambulance services to be equal to 50 percent of the Medicare rate for ambulance services based on
12 the rate in effect as of June 30, 2022.

13 322:9 Appropriation; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services. The sum of \$868,264
14 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human
15 services to implement Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for ambulance services. The governor is
16 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
17 Notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, VI, in addition to the amounts appropriated in this section, the department
18 of health and human services may accept and expend any matching federal funds available for the
19 purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

20 322:10 Effective Date.

21 I. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

22 II. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

23 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 08, 2022

Effective Date:

I. Section 7 effective July 8, 2022

II. Sections 8 & 9 effective July 1, 2022

III. Remainder effective September 6, 2022

