

Draft C of C Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 43 and 44 with the following:

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3 43 New Section; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Support for Veterans
4 Mental Health and Social Isolation. Amend RSA 110-B by inserting after section 73-c the following
5 new section:

6 110-B:73-d Support for Veterans Mental Health and Social Isolation. The department of
7 military affairs and veterans services shall coordinate access to mental health programs available
8 through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), including but not limited to the VA
9 Solid Start program, which contacts every veteran multiple times by phone in the first year after
10 they leave active duty to check in and help connect them to VA programs and benefits, the Buddy
11 Check program through which veterans reach out to each other to provide peer support, and the
12 proposed Green Alert Act, which will help to locate veterans when they go missing so they can
13 receive appropriate care, in a manner similar to the Silver Alert system for older Americans and the
14 Amber Alert system for children. The department will help veterans to find and enroll in the variety
15 of mental health programs offered by the VA.

16 44 Appropriation; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Support for Veterans
17 Mental Health and Social Isolation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of military
18 affairs and veterans services the sum of \$1,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 for the
19 purposes of supporting services to combat struggles with mental health and social isolation. This
20 appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2023. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for
21 said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

22 44-a Effective Date. Section 44 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2021.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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