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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1726

5 By: Representatives Rodgers, T. Thomas  
6 By: Senators Hill, Walters  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-81-104 TO CHANGE THE  
11 NAME OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
12 TO THE ARKANSAS VETERANS' COMMISSION; TO AMEND  
13 ARKANSAS CODE 20-81-105(c)(2) TO ELIMINATE THE TITLE  
14 'COMMANDANT' FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE  
15 VETERANS' HOME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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18 "TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR'S  
19 COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO THE  
20 ARKANSAS VETERANS' COMMISSION AND TO  
21 ELIMINATE THE TITLE 'COMMANDANT' FOR THE  
22 HEAD OF THE VETERANS' HOME."  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-81-104 is amended to read as follows:

28 "20-81-104. ~~Commission on Veterans' Affairs~~ Arkansas Veterans'  
29 Commission.

30 (a) ~~A Governor's Commission on Veterans' Affairs~~ The Arkansas Veterans'  
31 Commission is established to serve as an advisory agency to the Veterans'  
32 Home.

33 (b)(1) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members, who  
34 shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

35 (2) Members of the commission shall serve for five-year  
36 overlapping terms.

1           (3) The commission shall annually elect its chairman from among  
2 its membership.

3           (4)(A) Members of the commission may receive expense  
4 reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

5           (B) Members of the commission are also authorized to attend  
6 conventions, conferences, or meetings of recognized veterans' organizations,  
7 herein defined as veterans' organizations listed in the current United States  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs Directory of Veterans' Organizations as meeting  
9 the criteria of 38 CFR 14.628, and are entitled to reimbursement for expenses  
10 incurred in attending such conventions, conferences, or meetings in accordance  
11 with procedures and limits prescribed by law or regulation for state  
12 employees.

13           (C) Provided, a member of the commission shall not be  
14 entitled to receive more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) during any fiscal  
15 year for stipends and reimbursement of expenses incurred as a member of the  
16 commission.

17           (c)(1) The ~~Governor's Commission on Veterans' Affairs~~ Arkansas  
18 Veterans' Commission shall make recommendations to the Director of the  
19 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the operation and improvement of the  
20 Veterans' Home.

21           (2) It shall also act as an advisory board to the General  
22 Assembly on all other matters affecting Arkansas veterans, their dependents,  
23 and survivors.

24           (d) Quarterly meetings of the commission are authorized at the call of  
25 the chairman."

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27           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-81-105(c) is amended to read as follows:

28           "(c)(1) The Veterans' Home shall be operated under the supervision of  
29 the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

30           (2) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be  
31 the administrative head of the Veterans' Home ~~and shall have the additional~~  
32 ~~title of Commandant, Arkansas Veterans' Home."~~

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34           SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.